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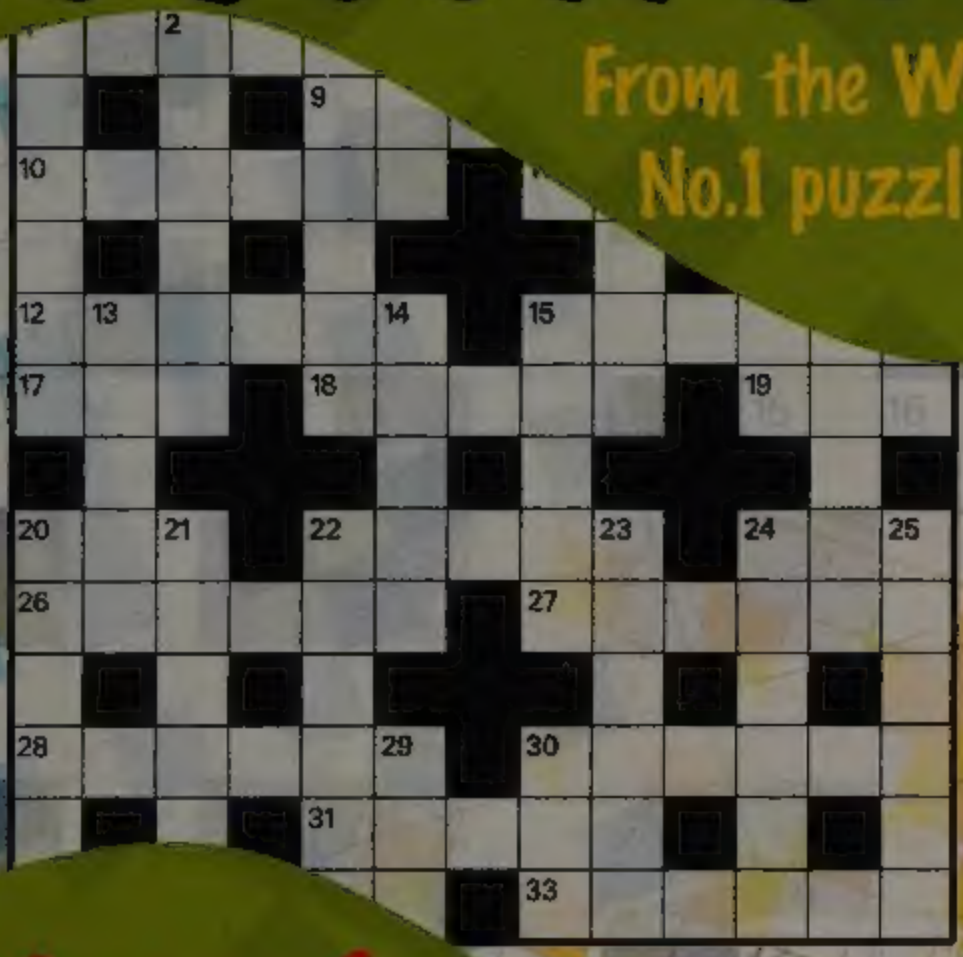

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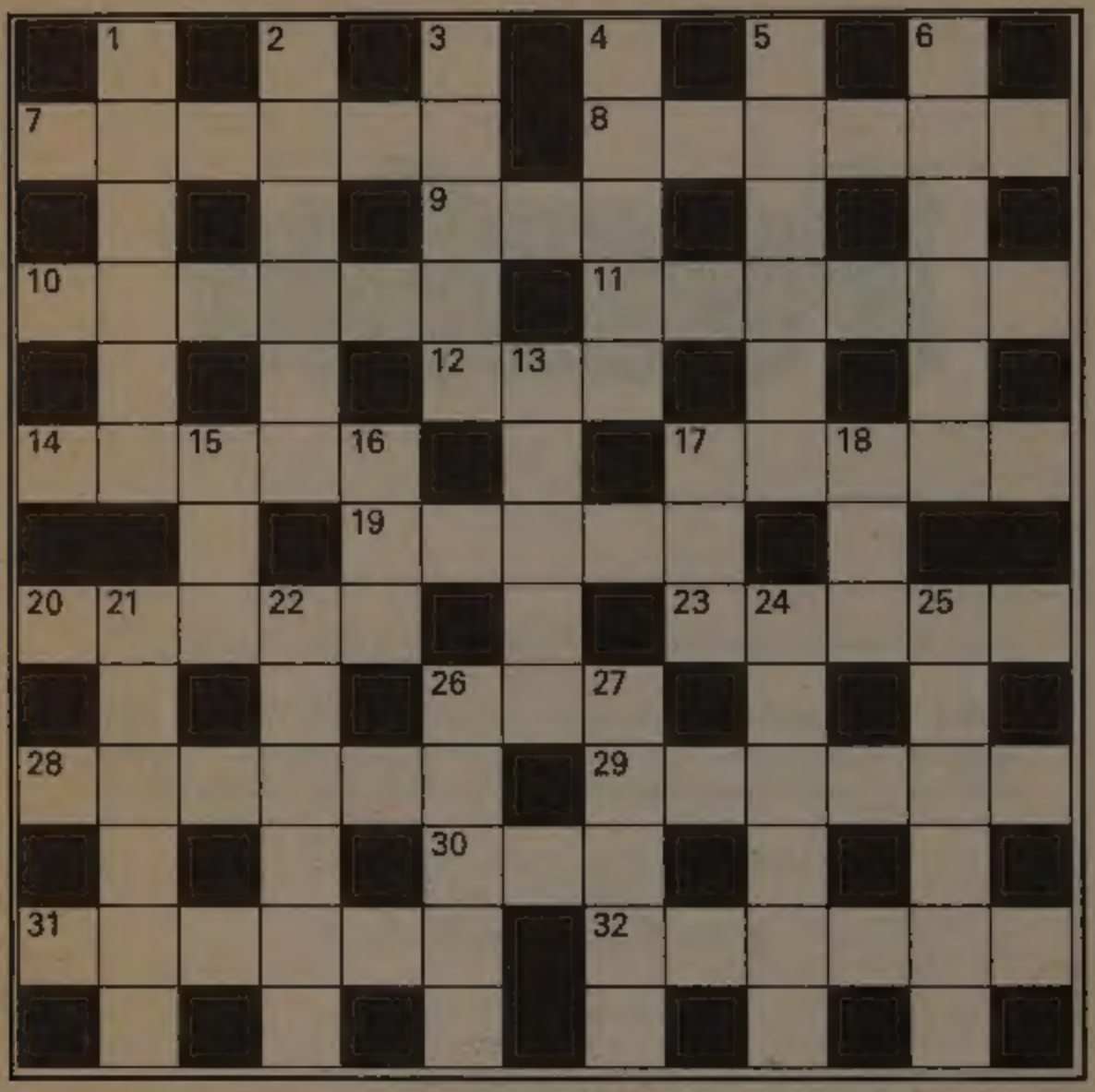


ACROSS

7 Frightened (6)
8 Arouse affection (6)
9 Took nourishment (3)
10 Boldness (6)
11 Speak from a pulpit (6)
12 Type of link (3)
14 Michaelmas daisy (5)
17 Compound of oxygen and another element (5)
19 Vacuous, senseless (5)
20 Extreme enthusiasm (5)
23 Thick cords (5)
26 For each (3)
28 Hurries along (coll) (6)
29 Administer with a needle (6)
30 Commercials (abbrev) (3)
31 Earnest request (6)
32 Struck with one's foot (6)

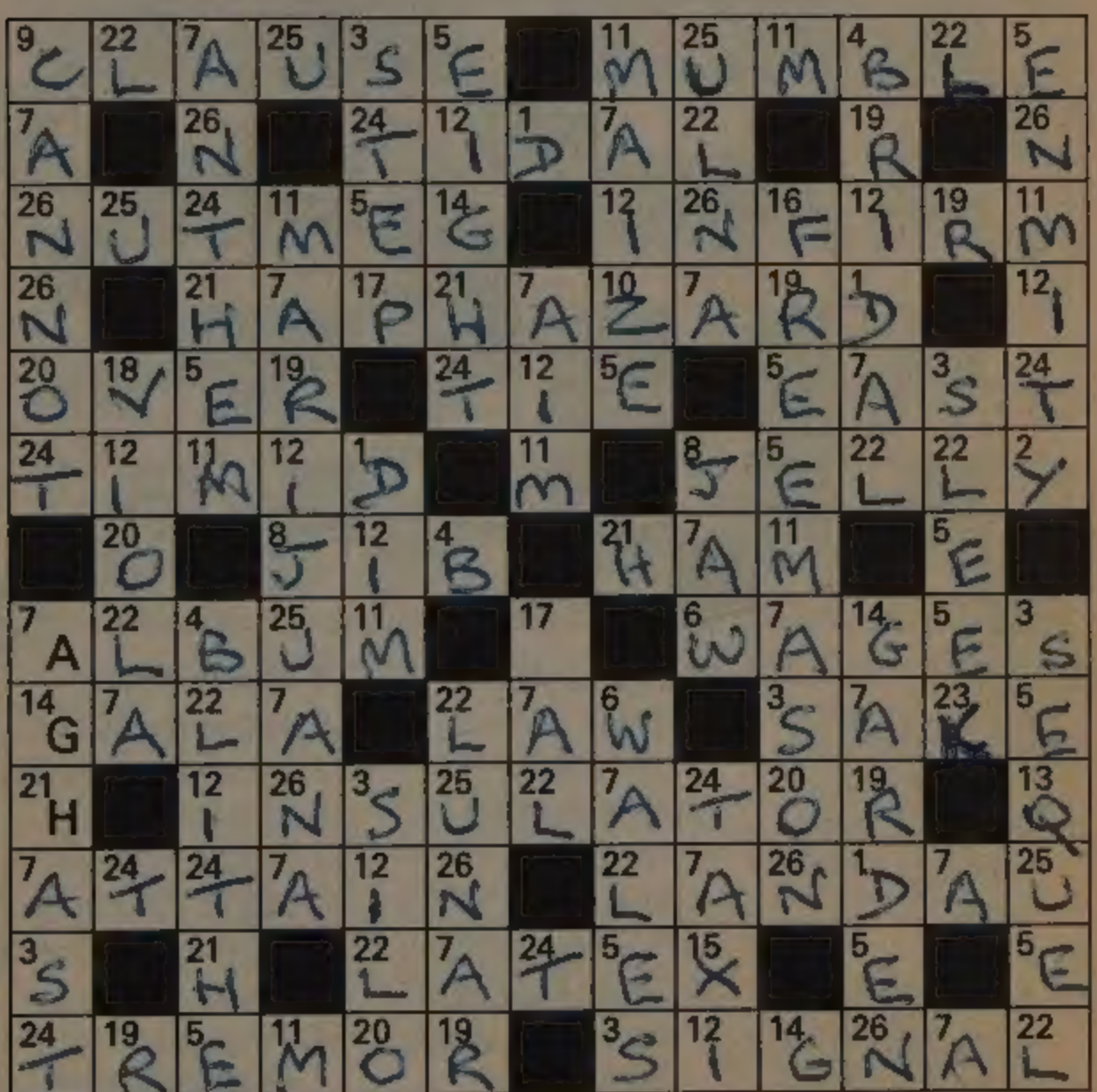
DOWN

1 Large seas (6)
2 Leisurely sea voyage (6)
3 Wise saying (5)
4 Takes quick looks (5)
5 Farewells (6)
6 Like stale butter (6)
13 Duplicate kept for emergencies (5)
15 Metal can (3)
16 Drowned valley (3)
17 Over, poetically (3)
18 Little devil or wicked spirit (3)
21 Take willingly (6)
22 Pressed clothes (6)
24 Express disapproval (6)
25 Engraver (6)
26 Sacred song (5)
27 Dangers (5)

Keyword

This puzzle has no clues in the conventional sense. Instead, every different number printed in the main grid represents a different letter (with the same number always representing the same letter, of course). For example, if 17 turns out to be a 'V', you can write in V wherever a square contains 17.

We have completed a very small part of the puzzle to give you a start, but the rest is up to you!



(The small grid is provided for ease of reference only.)

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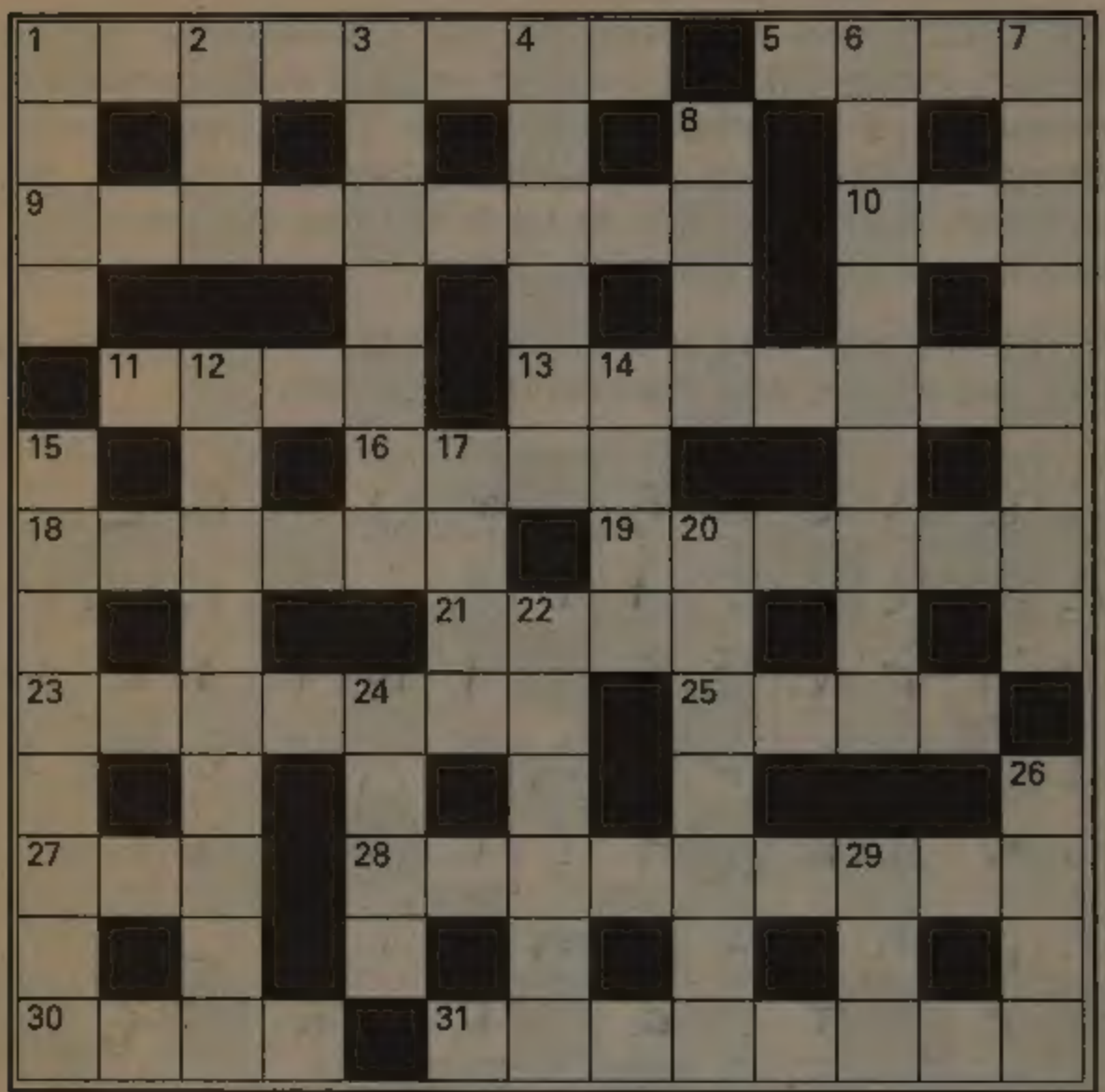

ACROSS

1 Represented (8)
5 Part of a foot (4)
9 Healer by massage and manipulation (9)
10 Info (3)
11 Body part that loses most of our body heat (4)
13 By implication (7)
16 At ___, army order (4)
18 Rotten (6)
19 Span of eight musical notes (6)
21 Sea eagle (4)
23 Wash thoroughly (7)
25 Requisite (4)
27 Bleat of a sheep (3)
28 Variegated (9)
30 Takes food (4)
31 Gathering of people (8)

DOWN

1 Terrible fate (4)
2 Small lump of butter (3)
3 Overcast (7)
4 Forces out (6)
6 Argue terms (9)
7 Type of melon (8)
8 Elegant (4)
12 Full of high spirits (9)
14 Vast age (4)
15 Genial (8)
17 Those in favour (4)
20 Reprimand (7)
22 Finds another tenant (6)
24 ___ Nolte, actor (4)
26 Lazily (4)
29 Steal from (3)

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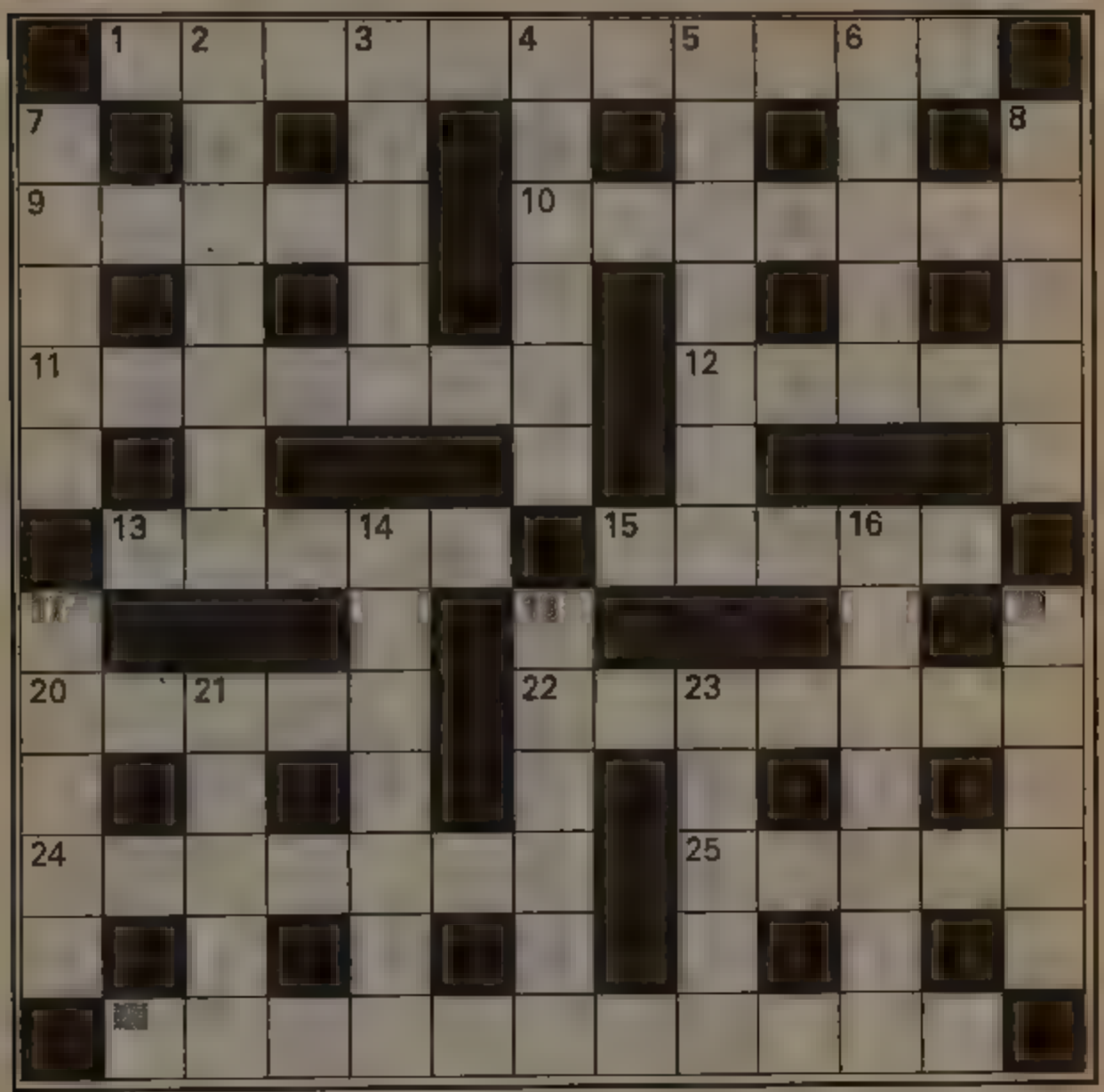

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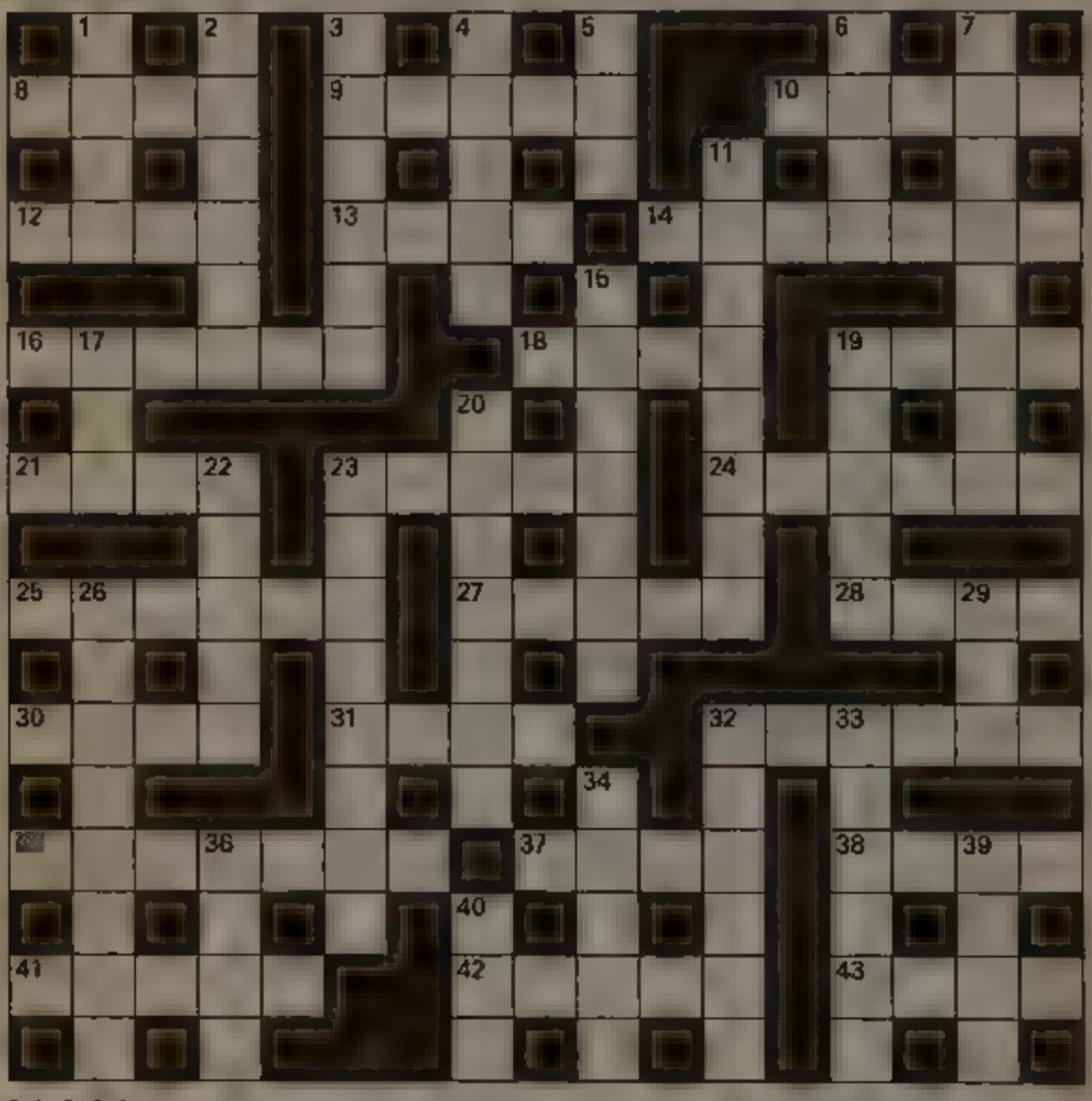
1 Area where the Houses of Parliament are situated (11)
9 Fencing weapons (5)
10 Crassly (7)
11 Those speaking too much of themselves (7)
12 Sample food (5)
13 Metric measurement (5)
15 Borders (5)
20 Ethic (5)
22 Goes on board ship (7)
24 Brutal, violent person (7)
25 Consent (5)
26 Now (7, 4)

DOWN

2 Personification (7)
3 Important cricket matches (5)
4 Cut into (6)
5 Withered (7)
6 Equal chance (5)
7 Proposition (5)
8 Large drainage channels (5)
14 Public gatherings (7)
16 Tympanum (7)
17 Mineral used for polishing (5)
18 Long streamer (6)
19 Small island (5)
21 Make mention of (5)
23 Brag (5)

Curtain up

The Across clues consist of anagrams to do with the stage and theatre. Down clues and answers are normal.



ACROSS

8 SACT (4)
9 ROCAT (5)
10 FROYE (5)
12 PORP (4)
13 TASC (4)
14 GRAYTED (7)
16 SHOURC (6)
18 EXTT (4)
19 SAID (4)
21 TOSP (4)
23 CEENS (5)
24 BRUMEN (6)
25 DOITUS (6)
27 SEDIA (5)
28 RATS (4)
30 LAHL (4)
31 LOPT (4)
32 MOYCED (6)
35 SPRAYEL (7)
37 HOER (4)
38 EMMI (4)
41 MARAD (5)
42 SWIGN (5)
43 LOER (4)

DOWN

1 Just, equitable (4)
2 Daze (6)
3 Pester (6)
4 Assert (5)
5 Cook in oil (3)
6 Lengthy (4)
7 Article's title (8)
11 Sham (8)
15 Boon, advantage (7)
17 Jump on one foot (3)
19 Ladies (5)
20 Six-sided figure (7)
22 Of the sea's movements (5)
23 Customers (8)
26 Films' adverts (8)
29 Append (3)
32 Select (6)
33 Recollection (6)
34 Small coin (5)
36 Sweet potatoes (4)
39 Thaw (4)
40 Nocturnal bird (3)

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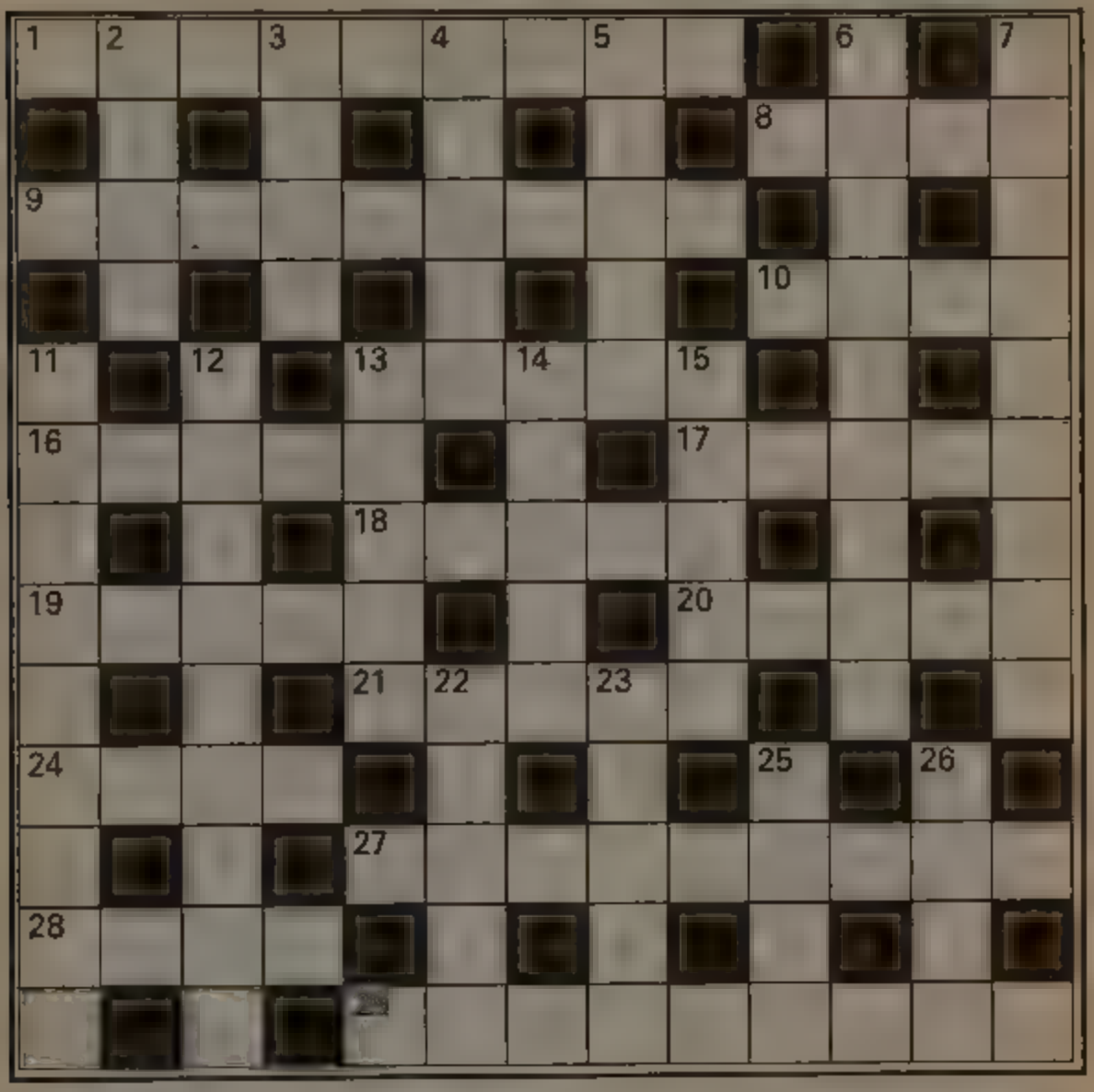


ACROSS

1 Turning over in the water (9)
8 Walk through water (4)
9 Dick ___, *Wacky Races* cartoon character (9)
10 Bitter (4)
13 Employing (5)
16 Indicate similarities (5)
17 Grass-like plants (5)
18 Bedtime drink (5)
19 Lively ballroom dance (5)
20 Sibling's daughter (5)
21 Trimmed (5)
24 Goodbye (2, 2)
27 Small Italian restaurant or tavern (9)
28 Rod (4)
29 Ornamentation (9)

DOWN

2 On holiday (4)
3 Badger's home (4)
4 Noughts (5)
5 Stocking material (5)
6 Instrument indicating atmospheric pressure (9)
7 Women of rank (9)
11 Knockabout comedy (9)
12 Bone structures (9)
13 Remove the lid from (5)
14 Bring upon oneself (5)
15 Majestic (5)
22 Gave expression to (5)
23 Gain access to (5)
25 Class in school (4)
26 King of the beasts (4)

Two-timer

Two sets of clues to the same answers.

ACROSS

1 Set out for first wooded area (6)
7 Where in France, in the old castle, it is dilapidated (7)
8 To make me a clerk might seem a bit fishy (8)
9 Some clasp her I carried round (7)
10 Another toiler with hesitation is a dawdler (8)
11 Timothy acts lazily but faint-heartedly (7)
14 Feel depressed and down (5)
17 It ends at midnight tonight (5)
18 He's entitled to exclude note that's rewritten (7)
21 Go wrong with an attempt whilst straying (8)
22 A bridge blown up by troops (7)
23 Ivory cutters (8)
24 Get near fused chemical (7)
25 Graduate right repeatedly before morning, it's a type of grass found at the seaside (6)

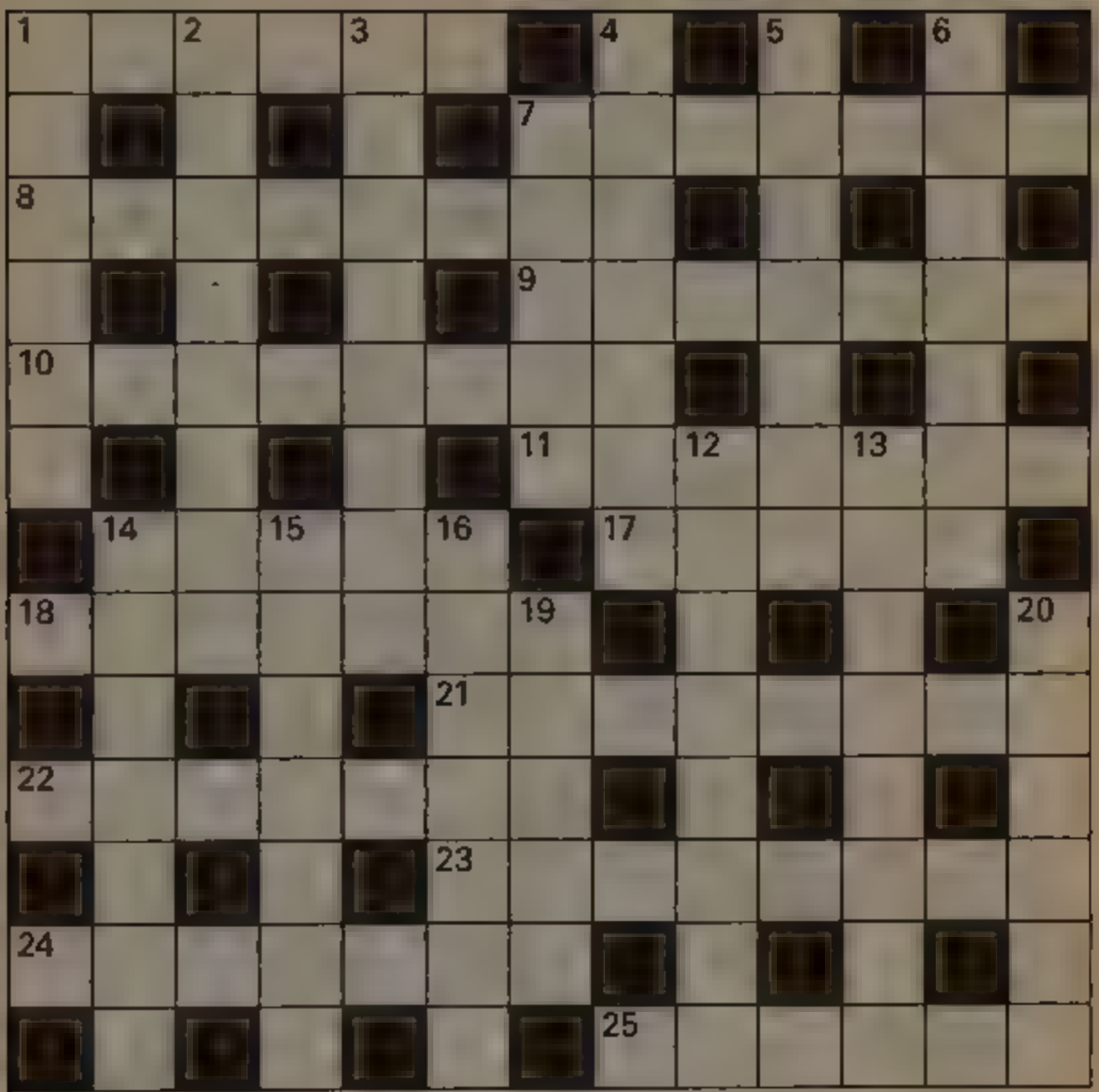
DOWN

1 Felicity disheartened about mail order for the household (6)
2 One getting the present (8)
3 Leeks not to be confused with bones (8)
4 A responsible person (7)
5 Girl takes cover from a worm (7)
6 Soundly? (7)
7 Somewhat more settled when replanted (5)
12 Picture a salmon I cooked (4, 4)
13 Rush with larger number said to come from the park (8)
14 Author right after fence (7)
15 Yearn to have a turn but not recently (4, 3)
16 Small noise heard whilst doing some gardening (7)
19 It flows readily initially through shelter (5)
20 Swindle amount of cash for a white mineral (6)

STRAIGHT CLUES TO THE PUZZLE ON THE RIGHT

ACROSS

1 Large wood (6)
7 Disastrous (7)
8 Sea fish (8)
9 Shaped like a ball (7)
10 Lingerer (8)
11 Shyly (7)



14 Under (5)
17 Nowadays (5)
18 Hereditary title (7)
21 Wandering state (8)
22 Military unit (7)
23 Teeth (8)
24 Reactive substance (7)
25 Seaside grass (6)

DOWN

1 Descendants of a common ancestor (6)
2 Fence (8)
3 Bony framework (8)
4 Guilty person (7)
5 Red-blooded worm (7)
6 Aloud (7)
7 Change the reading (5)
12 Da Vinci's famous painting (4, 4)
13 Devon National Park (8)
14 Obstacle (7)
15 Well in the past (4, 3)
16 Removing unwanted plants (7)
19 Stoke's river (5)
20 Source of plaster of Paris (6)

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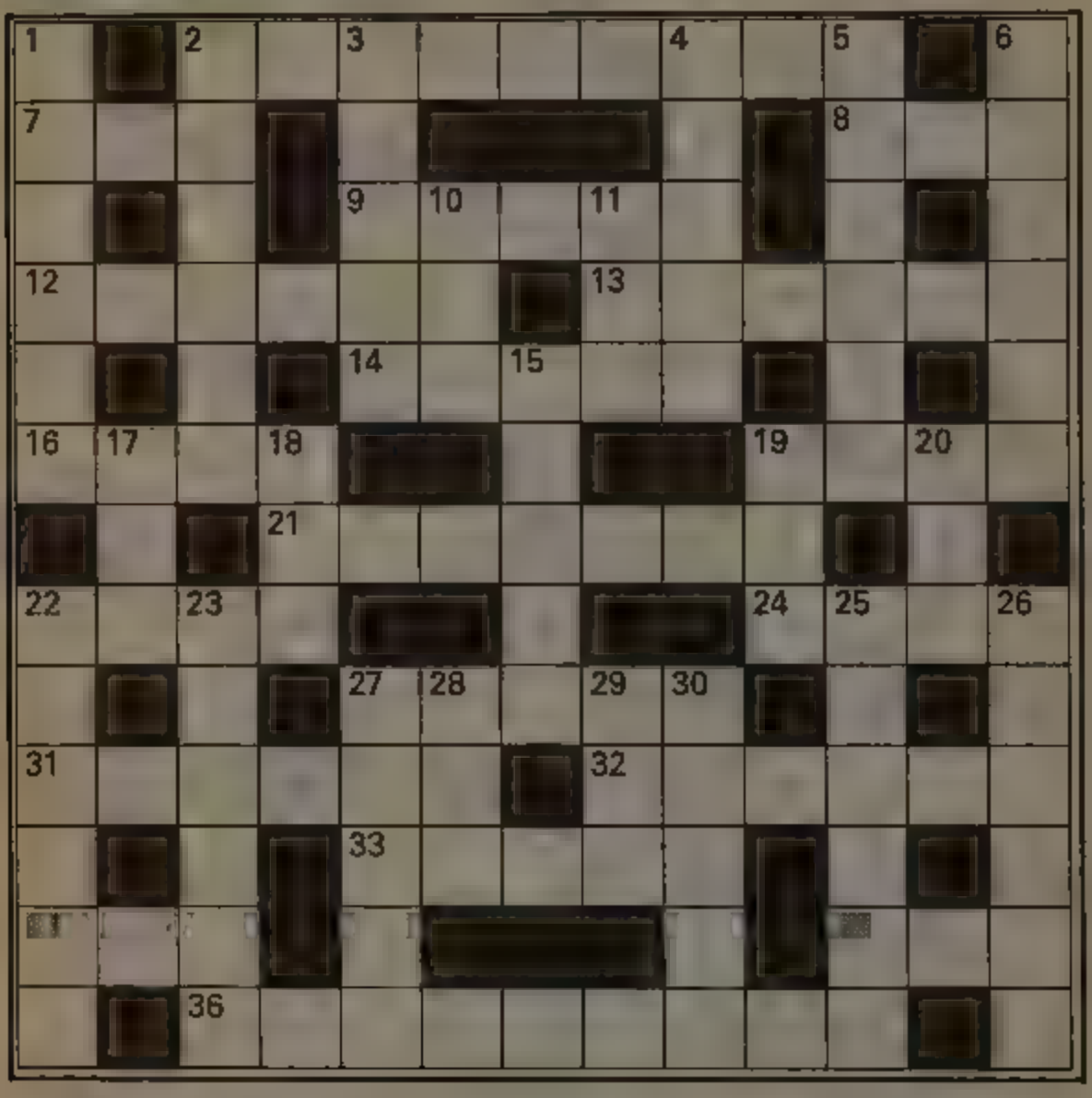


ACROSS

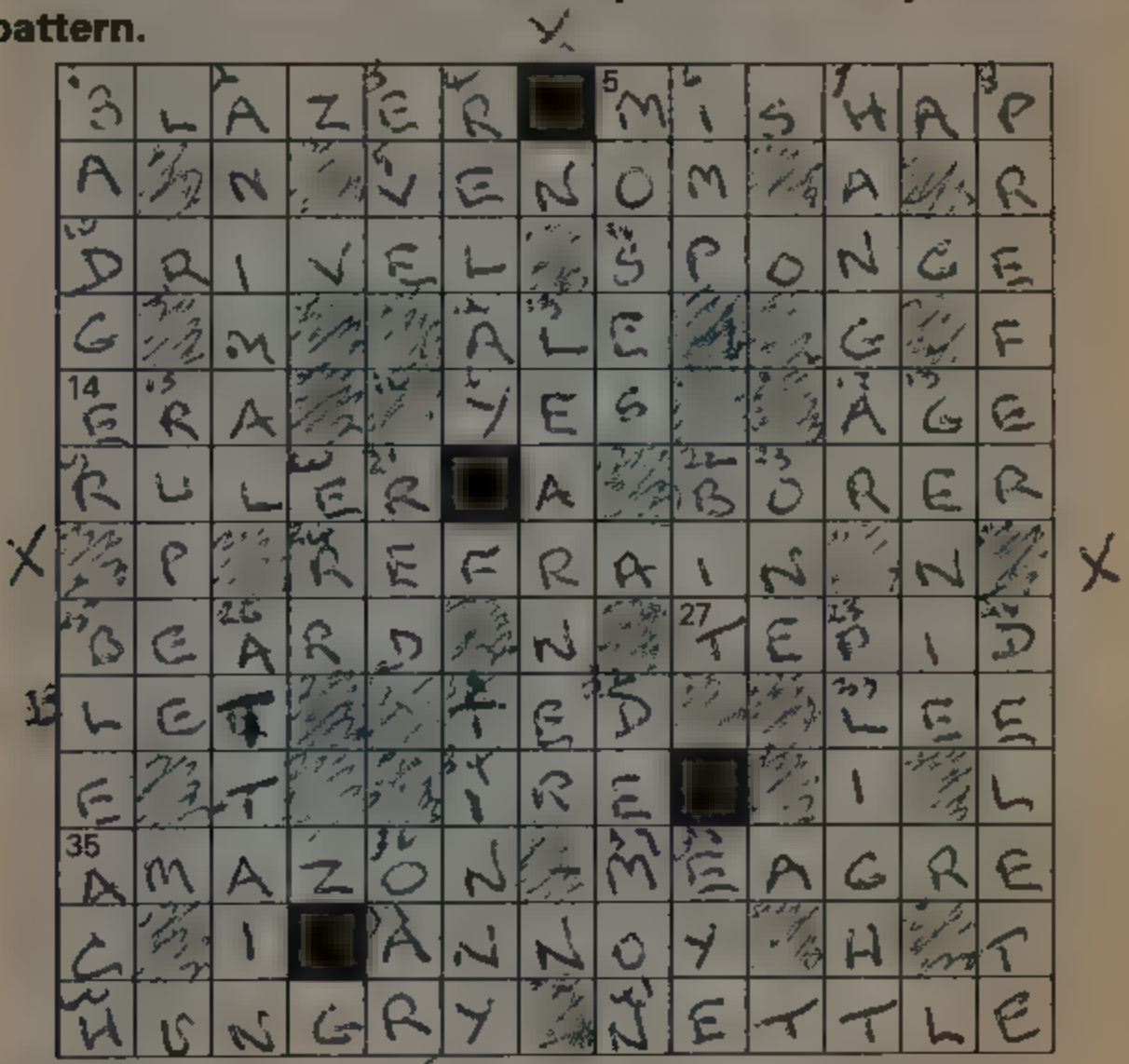
2 Extra amount (9)
7 Cut the top off (3)
8 Rubbish heap (3)
9 Rover (5)
12 Start a clock again (6)
13 Entwines (6)
14 Cries sharply (5)
16 Vein of metal ore (4)
19 Characteristic periods of time (4)
21 Meeting of a legal court (7)
22 Keep ___ on, check progress (4)
24 Toboggan (4)
27 Made less painful (5)
31 Taking part in the boat race (6)
32 Ushered (6)
33 Servant of the devil (5)
34 Urge (3)
35 Sheep (3)
36 Unruliness (9)

DOWN

1 Expressing more than one (6)
2 Threw up (6)
3 Watery (5)
4 Lies at anchor (5)
5 Engraver (6)
6 Uncontrollable movements (6)
10 Kind of poem (3)
11 Unit of electrical current (abbrev) (3)
15 Talks with a speech defect (5)
17 In biology, eggs (3)
18 Nineteenth letter (3)
19 Entity (3)
20 Alcoholic drink (3)
22 An award usually in the form of a cup (6)
23 Sue ___, BBC TV sports presenter (6)
25 Wives of lords (6)
26 Avoided (6)
27 Donate (5)
28 Stage of life (3)
29 Inner-self (3)
30 School nitwit (5)

Skeleton

The black squares have to be filled in as well as the words. For a start, four black squares and four numbers have been inserted. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern.



ACROSS

1 School jacket
5 Accident
9 Snake poison
10 Silly nonsense
11 Light cake
12 Beer
14 Epoch
16 Word of consent
17 Grow old
19 Governor
22 Drill
24 Song chorus
25 Facial hair
27 Lukewarm
30 Permit
31 *Father* —, TV sitcom
33 Sheltered side
34 Anger
35 South American river
37 Scant
39 Irritate
40 Famished
41 Stinging plant

DOWN

1 Harass
2 Living creature
3 Adam's wife
4 Team race
5 Jewish prophet
6 Sprite
7 Aircraft housing
8 Like better
13 Novice
15 Indian currency
18 Eastern spirit
20 Go wrong
21 Simply —, pop group
22 Morsel
23 Individual
25 Whiten
26 Achieve
28 Unfortunate situation
29 Cross out
31 Flimsily made
32 Devil
36 Boat paddle
38 Look at

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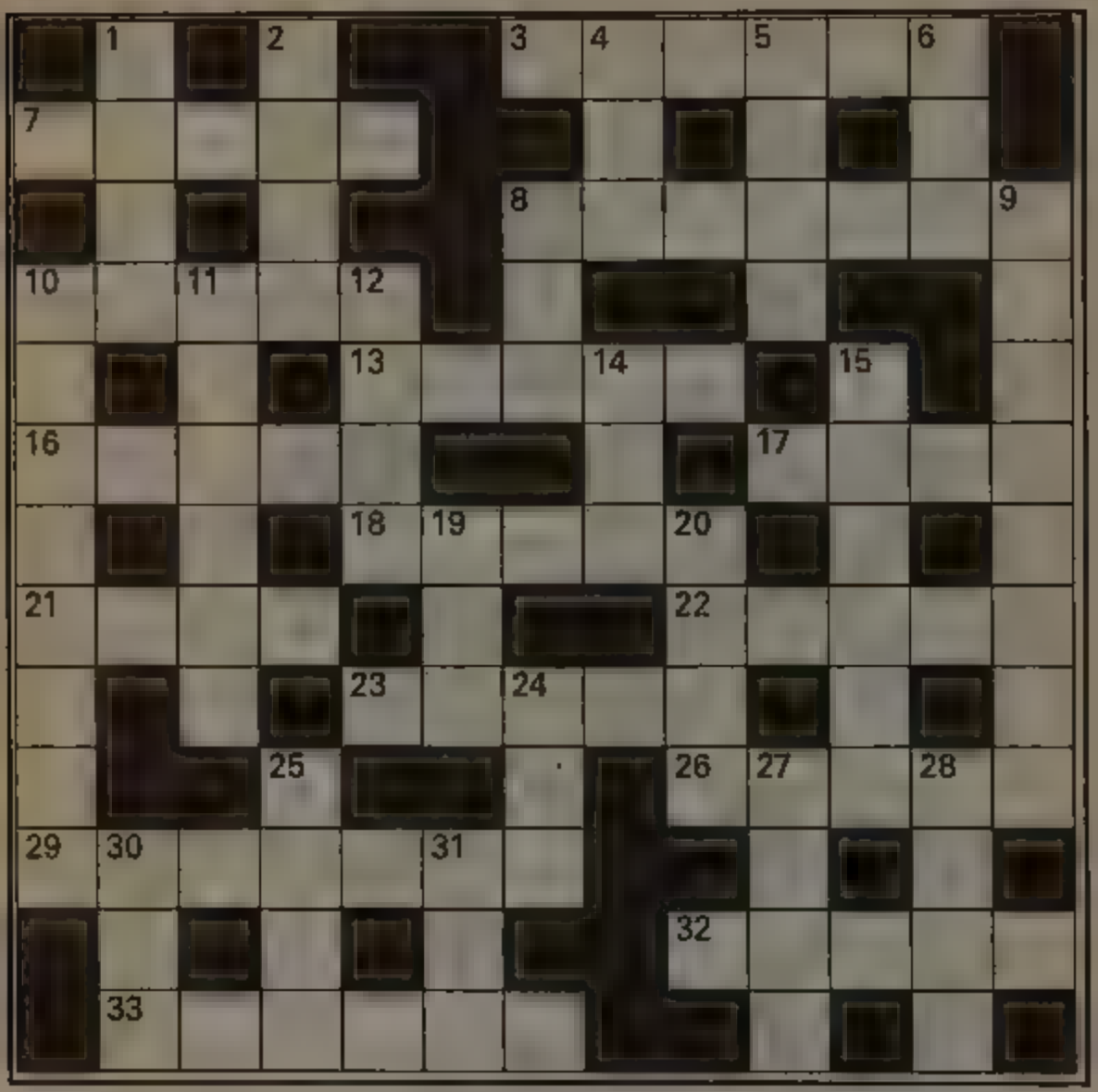

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3 Wool from the Angora goat (6)
7 Young people in care of a guardian (5)
8 Drinking spree (coll) (7)
10 Glides lightly over (5)
13 Flooded (5)
16 Take washing off the line (5)
17 Cobbler's product (4)
18 Namby-pamby (5)
21 Unclothed (4)
22 Surpass or be better than (5)
23 Snipe or heron, eg (5)
26 Sorts (5)
29 Dependent (7)
32 Articles (5)
33 Intake of air (6)

DOWN

1 Facial disguise (4)
2 First man (4)
4 Substance obtained from olives (3)
5 Skin trouble usually associated with adolescence (4)
6 Feel sorrow (3)
8 Sheep's noise (3)
9 Starving (8)
10 Waste (8)
11 Obstruct (6)
12 Sinks (4)
14 Take food (3)
15 Make appear guiltless (6)
19 Egg cells (3)
20 One of the Houses in the Wars of the Roses (4)
24 Small round mark (3)
25 Donate (4)
27 Greek letter or small amount (4)
28 Wet (4)
30 Flow away (3)
31 Bolt fastener (3)

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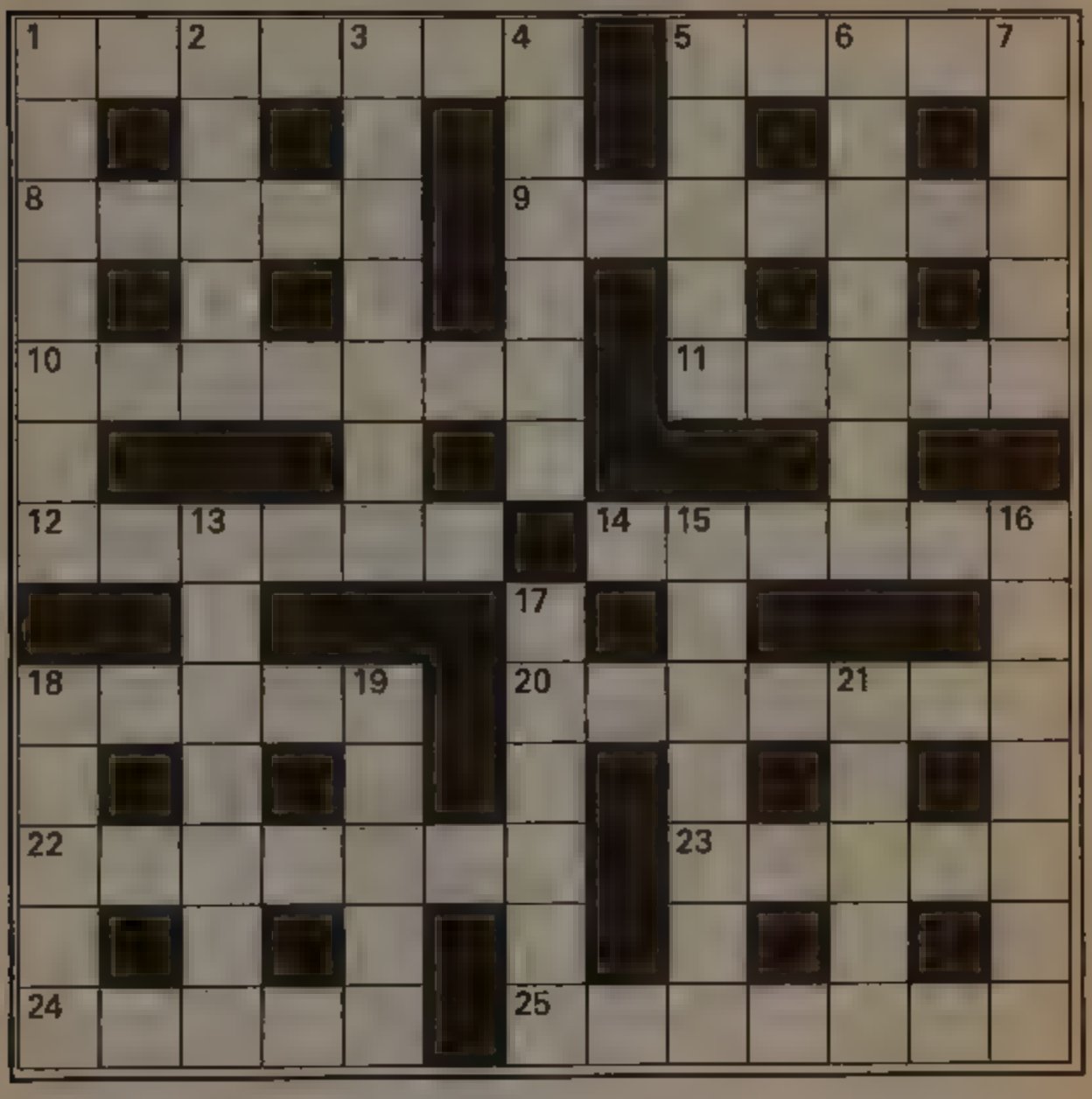


ACROSS

1 Winsomely (7)
5 Fogs (5)
8 Heavenly being (5)
9 Dressed in (7)
10 Sketched anew (7)
11 Americans (coll) (5)
12 Sprinkled (6)
14 Effaces (6)
18 Slack, lax (5)
20 Feral (7)
22 Makes numb (7)
23 Indian queen (5)
24 Each of a number (5)
25 Dubious (7)

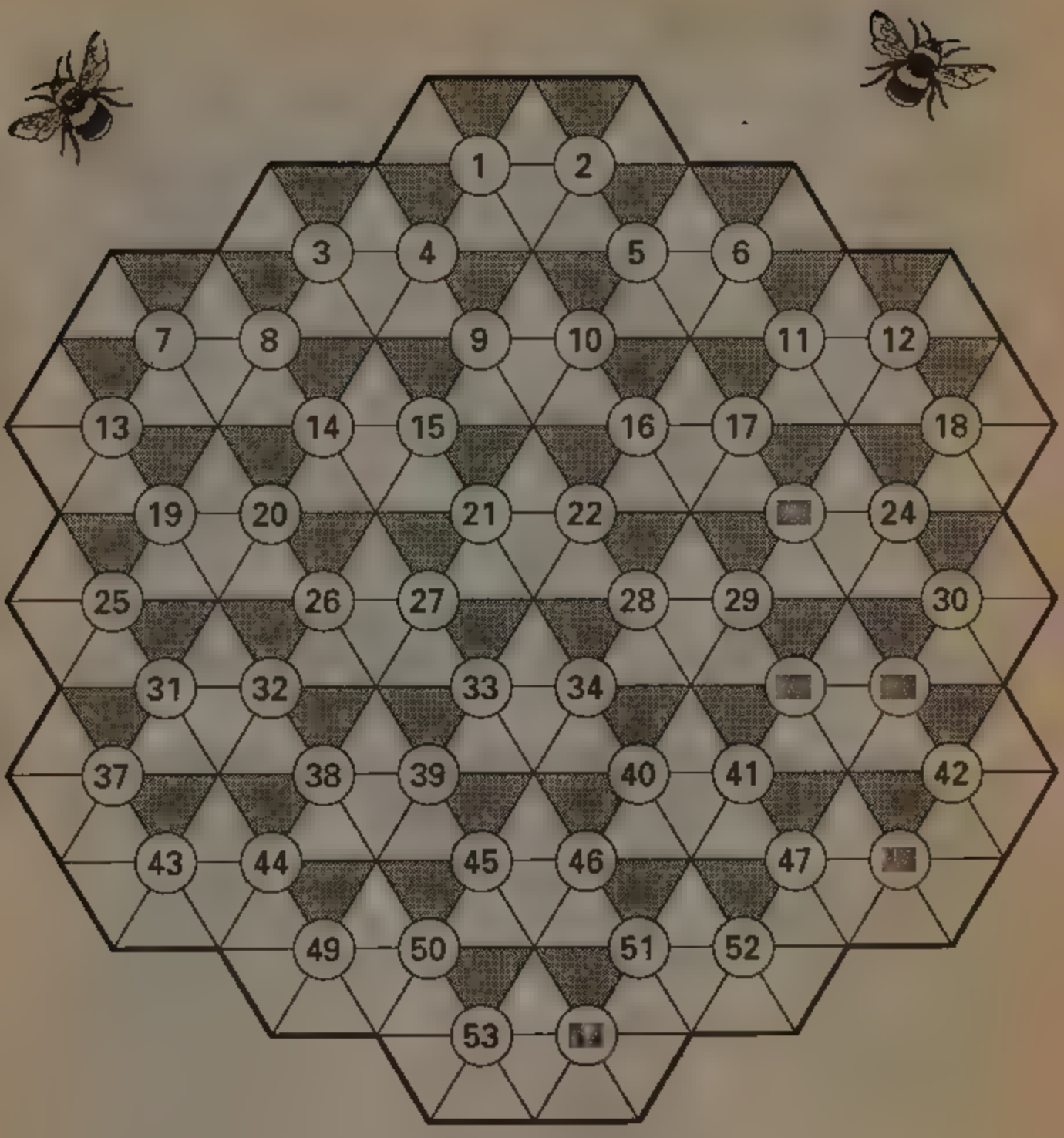
DOWN

1 Marked (7)
2 Urged on (5)
3 Farming (7)
4 Longs for (6)
5 Become husband or wife (5)
6 Adages (7)
7 Facets (5)
13 Space for keeping spare things (7)
15 Gives up work permanently (7)
16 Least happy (7)
17 Casts an evil spell (6)
18 Soup spoon (5)
19 Mourning composition (5)
21 Grind (5)

Honeycomb

All the answers are six-letter words, unless indicated. Each answer is entered in a circle around its clue-number. The first letter of the answer is entered in the shaded triangle immediately above the clue-number. If the clue-number is odd, enter the answer in an anti-clockwise direction. If the clue-number is even, enter the answer in a clockwise direction.

1 Young bird of prey
2 City road
3 Royal heir
4 Quick look
5 Resuscitate
6 Distance between eight musical notes
7 Move upwards
8 Mean to do
9 It moors a boat
10 Winner
11 Confused mess
12 Inconvenience
13 Force to action
14 Band of circus artistes
15 Squat down
16 Most attractive
17 Spice which yields mace
18 Divides
19 Arts reviewer
20 Not private
21 Tradition
22 Rarely
23 Glowing coals
24 Striped cats
25 Disclose information
26 Interment
27 Most certain
28 Myth
29 Go away!
30 Olympics homeland
31 Hydrophobia
32 Bridal paths!
33 Pay a debt
34 Sewing requisite
35 Legal expert
36 Crunchy salad vegetable
37 Two-piece swimming costume
38 Ear-piercing
39 Frugality
40 Rubbed out
41 Emotional shock
42 Communicate with and discuss
43 Eat in small amounts
44 Responsible
45 Carrie ____, actress
46 ____ Rantzen, TV presenter
47 Sinew
48 Easy
49 Lessened
50 Out of the sun
51 Therefore
52 In short supply
53 Regard with respect
54 Last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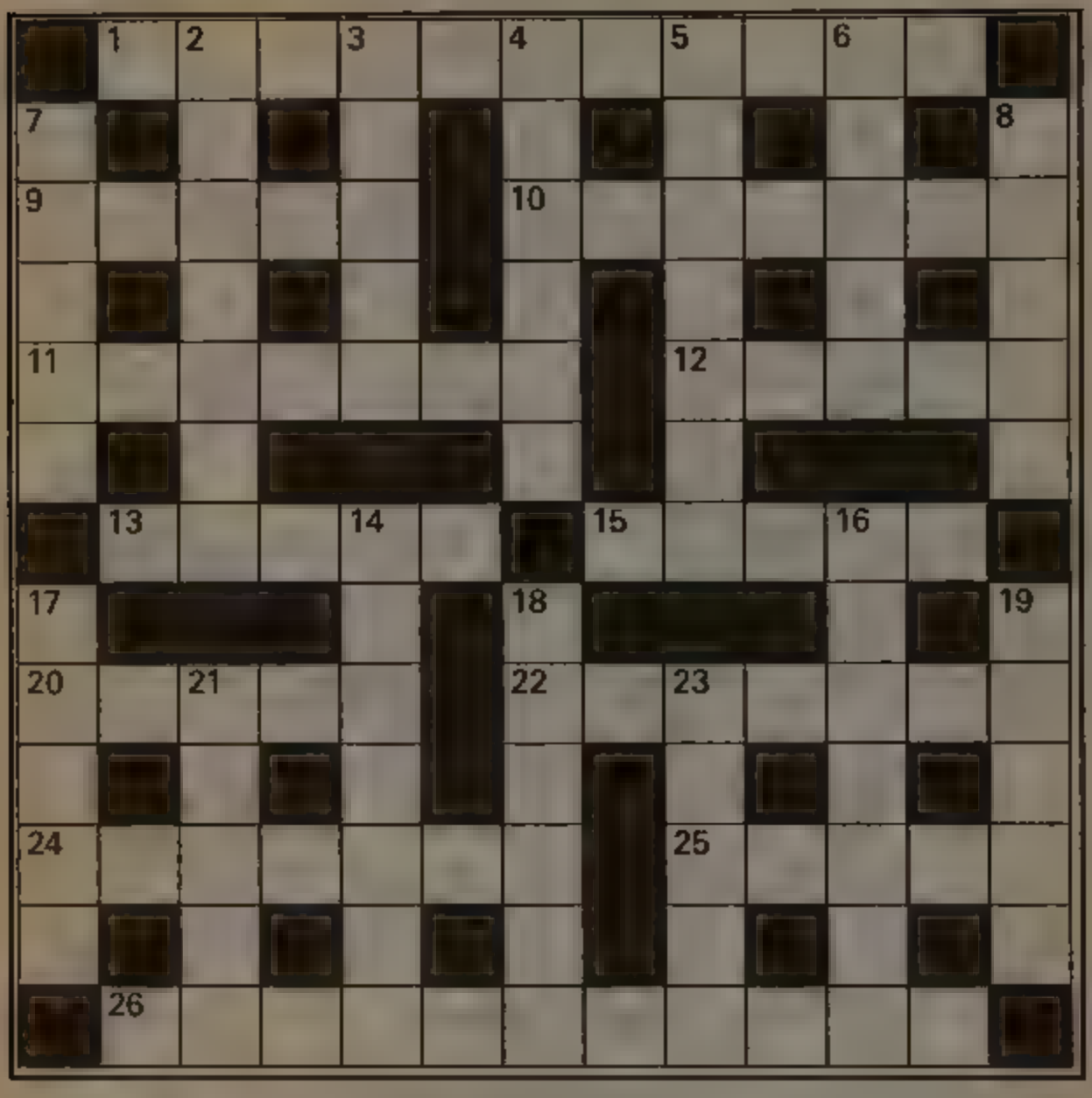

ACROSS

1 Accomplishment (11)
9 Wood-shaving tool (5)
10 Rodent well known for its suicidal habits! (7)
11 Holds back (7)
12 Kilns (5)
13 Treacle (5)
15 Army colour (5)
20 A vagrant or hobo (5)
22 Vital element (7)
24 Lays a formal charge against (7)
25 Ancient (5)
26 Now (7, 4)

DOWN

2 Tactlessly (7)
3 Notions (5)
4 Small portmanteau (6)
5 Extinct species of elephant (7)
6 Racket, din (5)
7 Music theatre (5)
8 Discharge, expel (5)
14 Empties a suitcase (7)
16 State governed by a monarch (7)
17 Moral principle (5)
18 Period of study (6)
19 Straps of a bridle (5)
21 Venomous British snake (5)
23 Not tall (5)

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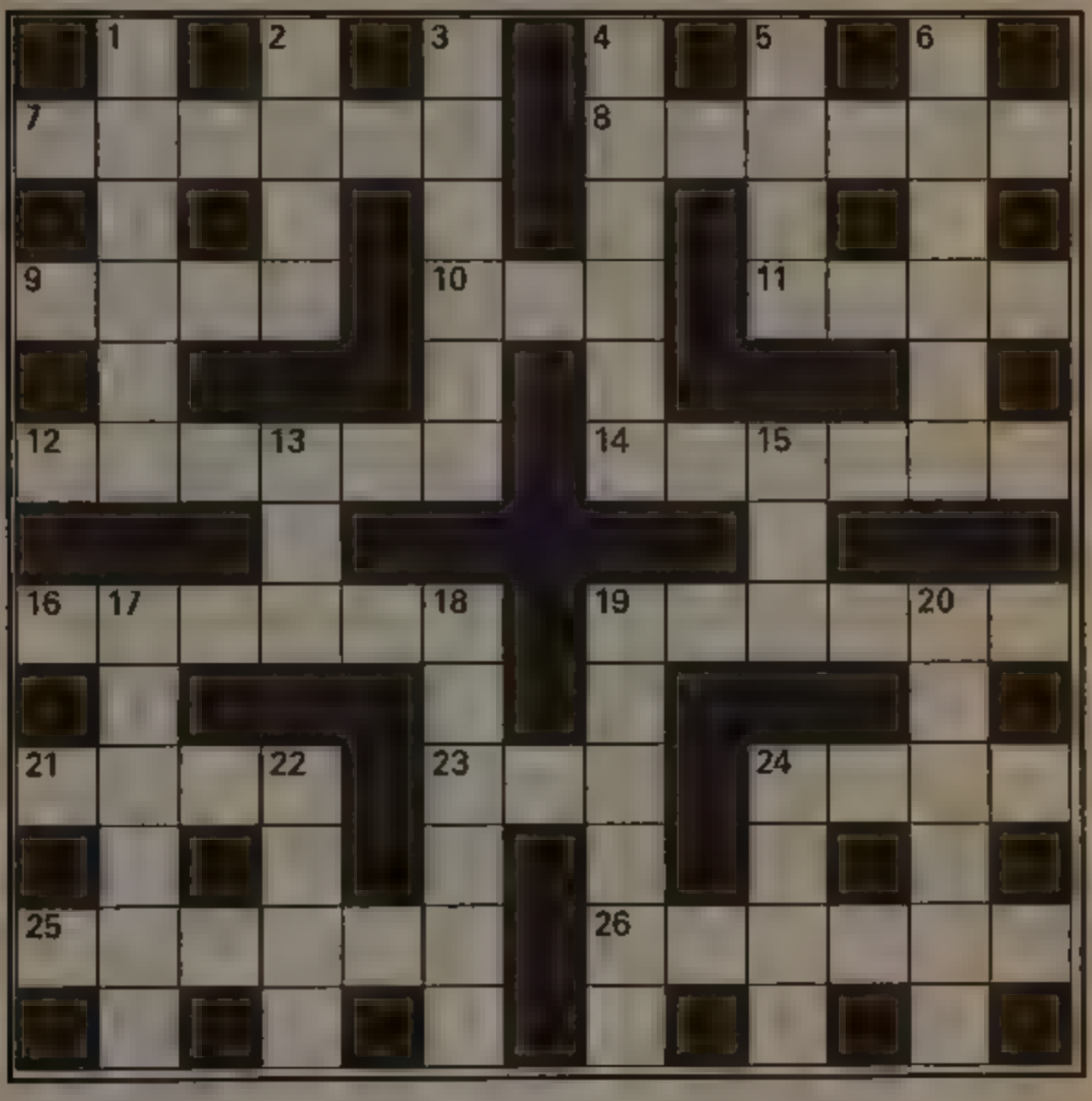

ACROSS

7 Taunts (6)
8 Mischievous child (6)
9 Reside temporarily (4)
10 Long, white tight-sleeved vestment (3)
11 Cycle (coll) (4)
12 Bewilder (6)
14 Sprinters (6)
16 Individual (6)
19 Goes over again (6)
21 Utilises (4)
23 Toothed wheel (3)
24 Of various colours (4)
25 Spin (6)
26 Covets (6)

DOWN

1 Cockroach, for instance (6)
2 Catch a glimpse of (4)
3 Rank (6)
4 Material used for erasing pencil marks (6)
5 Wound's covering (4)
6 Quarrel (6)
13 ___ and downs, life's uncertainties (3)
15 Rotter (3)
17 Tries (6)
18 Stolen (coll) (6)
19 Poorly dressed (6)
20 Number in a cricket team (6)
22 Kill (4)
24 Form a surface for walking on (4)

Story Crossword

Transfer the words which complete the story to the grid and then put the circled letters in the right order to discover the name of the famous character therein described.

She was born in Virginia, in ____ (7A), in 1918 but was ____ (4D) to New York at a young age where she grew up in an orphanage. Though she ____ (3D) out on a normal childhood, she was determined not to let it leave her with a ____ (21A) of failure. ____ (12A) did she allow herself to give up hope of a successful adult life.

When she was sixteen, she decided to enter a talent show in ____ (6D). She ____ (30A) not ____ (25A) her hopes too high because she knew the ____ (26D) of winning were stacked against her; she had ____ (5D) sung in a competition before. But, on the ____ (28D) she ____ (23D) her best. In the ____ (20D), she won first prize and ____ (29A) from the competition with a job that was to change her ____ (18A). She became a singer with the Tiny Bradshaw Band.

Later the same year, Chick Webb, another band leader, was to ____ (19D) her to join his band and she ____ (21D) the opportunity. She sang with the Chick Webb Band until 1942, leading it for ____ (16A) time after — (10D) death in 1939.

Her first record, *A-Tisket, A-Tasket*, was a ____ (1D) hit. Over the next few years, she produced a long ____ (15D) of successful records, including five top ____ (4A) hits.

In the mid-1940s, she teamed up with the impresario Norman ____ (8A). He sent her ____ (13D) on a ____ (14A) tour, performing in his ____ (2D) At The Philharmonic concerts with Count ____ (9A), Duke Ellington and Oscar Peterson. Everywhere she went, her ____ (24A) fans ____ (22D) her, and

members of the audience who were hearing her for the first time ____ (27A) on her too.

She also appeared on television and in several films, including *Pete Kelly's Blues* in 1955 and ____ (22A) *No Man Write My Epitaph* in 1960. Her *Songbook* series of recordings, which included songs by ____ (11D) Porter, Irving Berlin and other well-known writers, were hugely popular and she was widely regarded as ____ (17D) of the best scat singers ever.

Among her later concert performances was a performance at the 1985 Kool Jazz Festival at Carnegie ____ (10A), where jazz fans were delighted to see a living legend still working after such a long and successful career.

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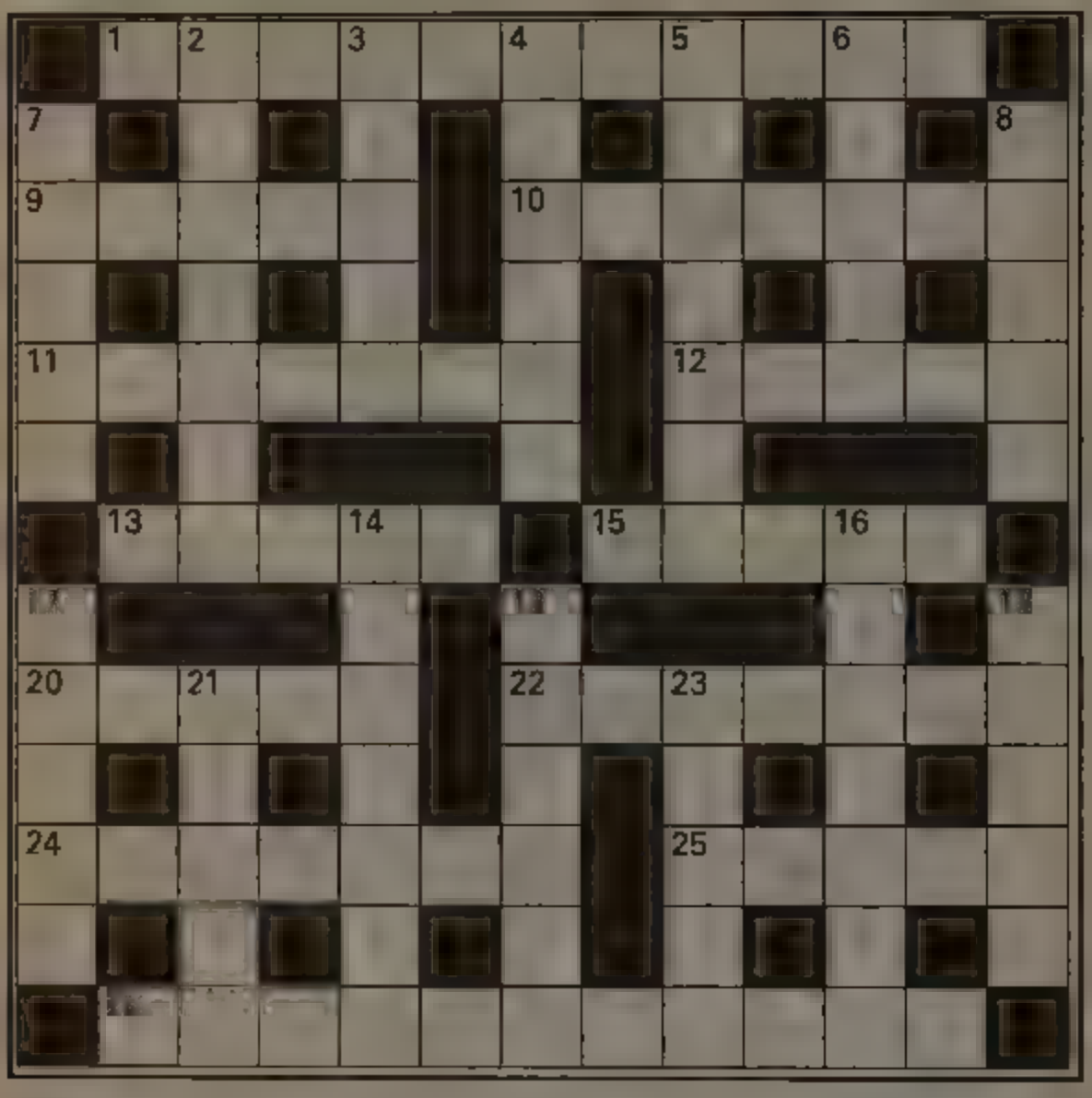

ACROSS

1 Willing to work together (11)
9 Ingested (5)
10 Protected (7)
11 Frank ___, leading character in *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* (7)
12 Mob (5)
13 Edition of publication (5)
15 Loose-fitting (5)
20 Crawl stealthily (5)
22 Plead (7)
24 Groups of states (7)
25 Not illuminated (5)
26 Somerset town famous for its tor and music festival (11)

DOWN

2 Exits (7)
3 Cease to be calm (5)
4 Look upon (6)
5 Windpipe (7)
6 Darth ___, baddie in *Star Wars* (5)
7 Perception (5)
8 Queerer (5)
14 Arbitrators (7)
16 N American river fish (7)
17 Musical composition for eight instruments (5)
18 Complete failure (6)
19 Birds' homes (5)
21 Cast out (5)
23 Weight hung on a string to show a vertical line (5)

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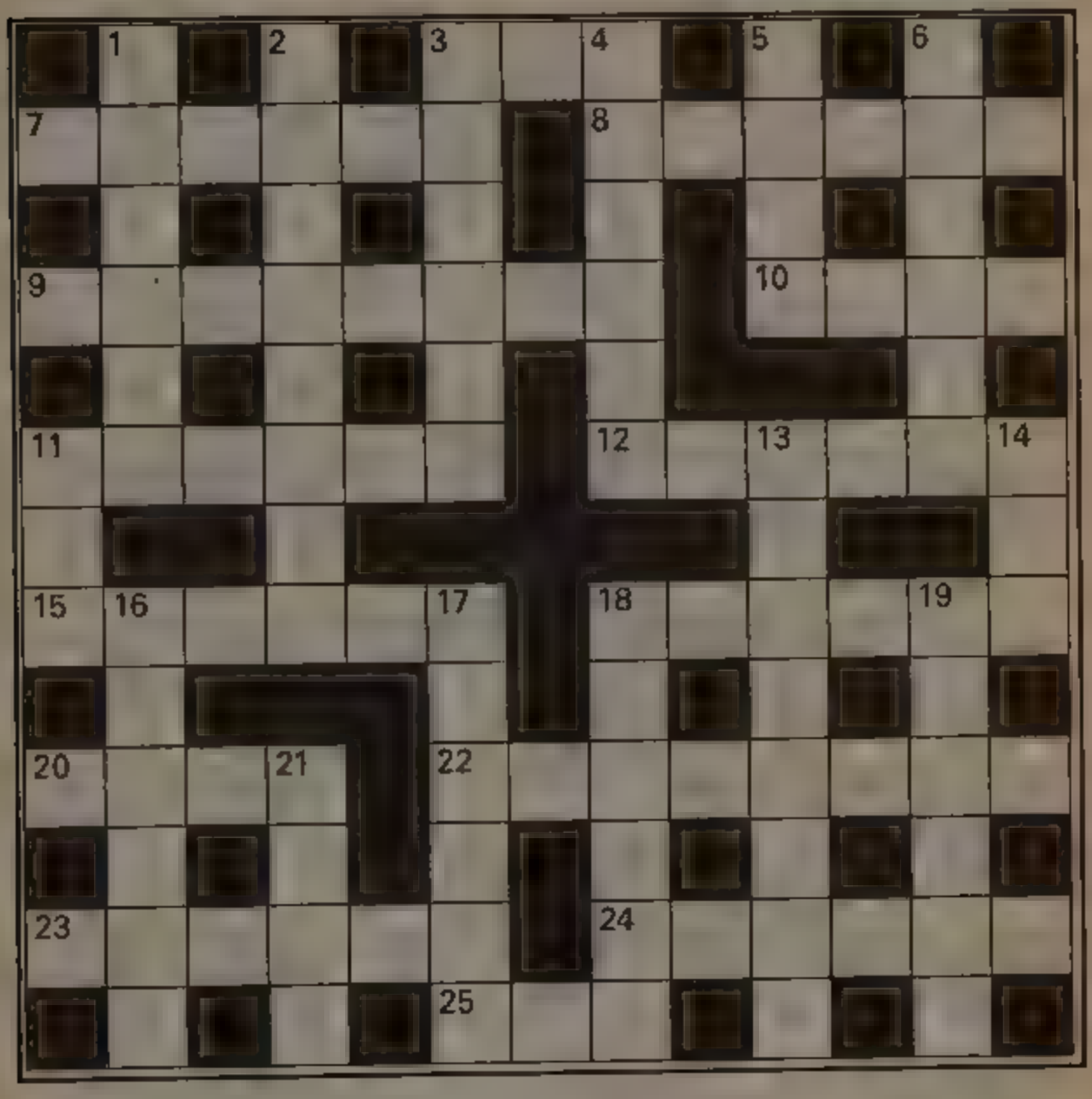

ACROSS

3 Yet, however (3)
7 Imperial colour (6)
8 Verbally (6)
9 Covered walk forming part of a monastery (8)
10 Waiter's tool (4)
11 Film director's command (6)
12 Petite (6)
15 Climbs (6)
18 Disfigure (6)
20 Clip neatly (4)
22 Vibrating (8)
23 Untangle (6)
24 Loud, piercing cry (6)
25 Up till now (3)

DOWN

1 Overt (6)
2 Eye doctor (8)
3 Thrashed (6)
4 Very hot and dry (6)
5 Tirade (4)
6 Bendable (6)
11 Seek out the target (3)
13 Foot-soldiers (8)
14 Potato-like tuber (3)
16 Rowing (6)
17 Safeguard (6)
18 Stop doing (6)
19 Landing strip (6)
21 Numerous (4)

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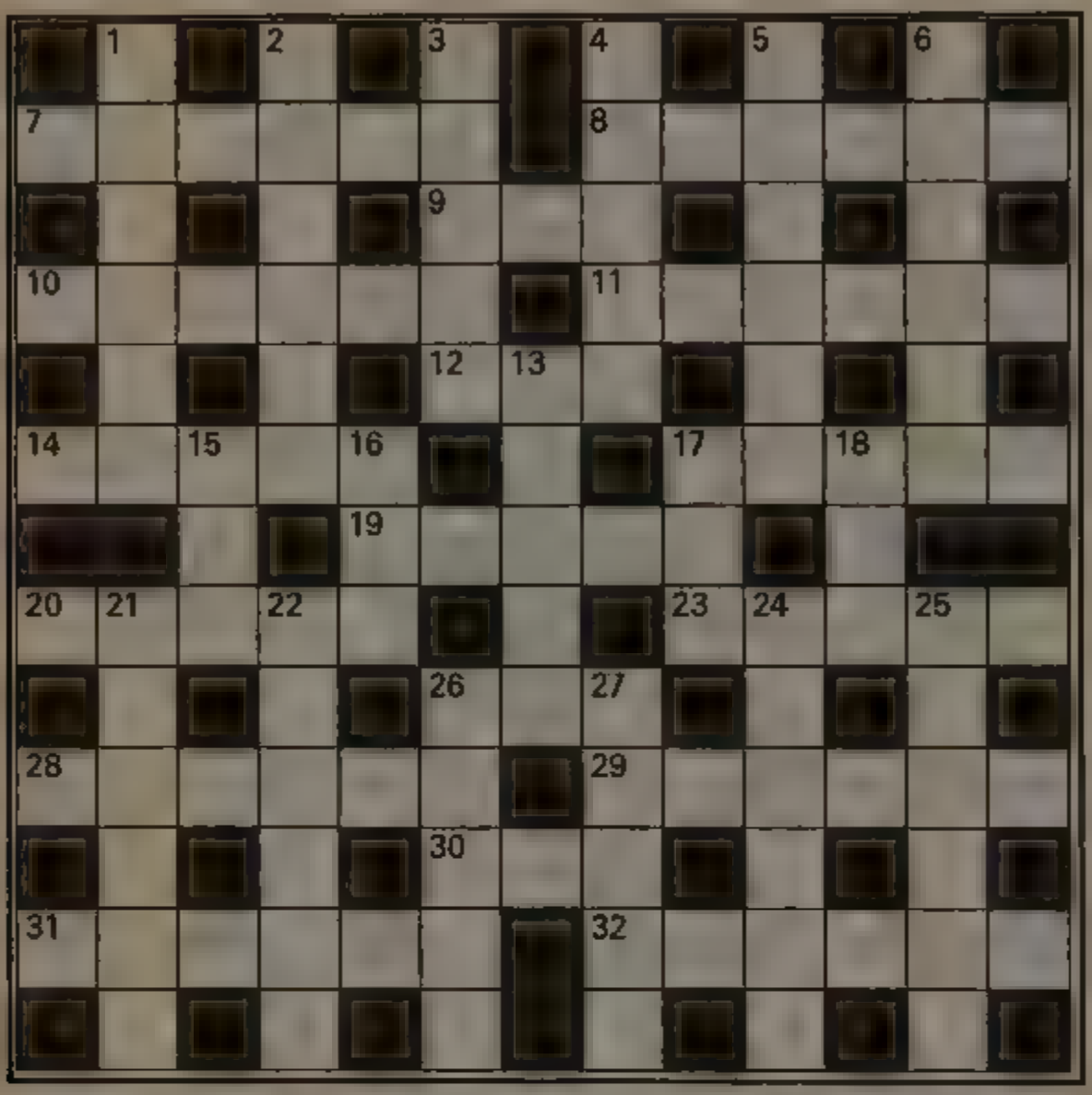


ACROSS

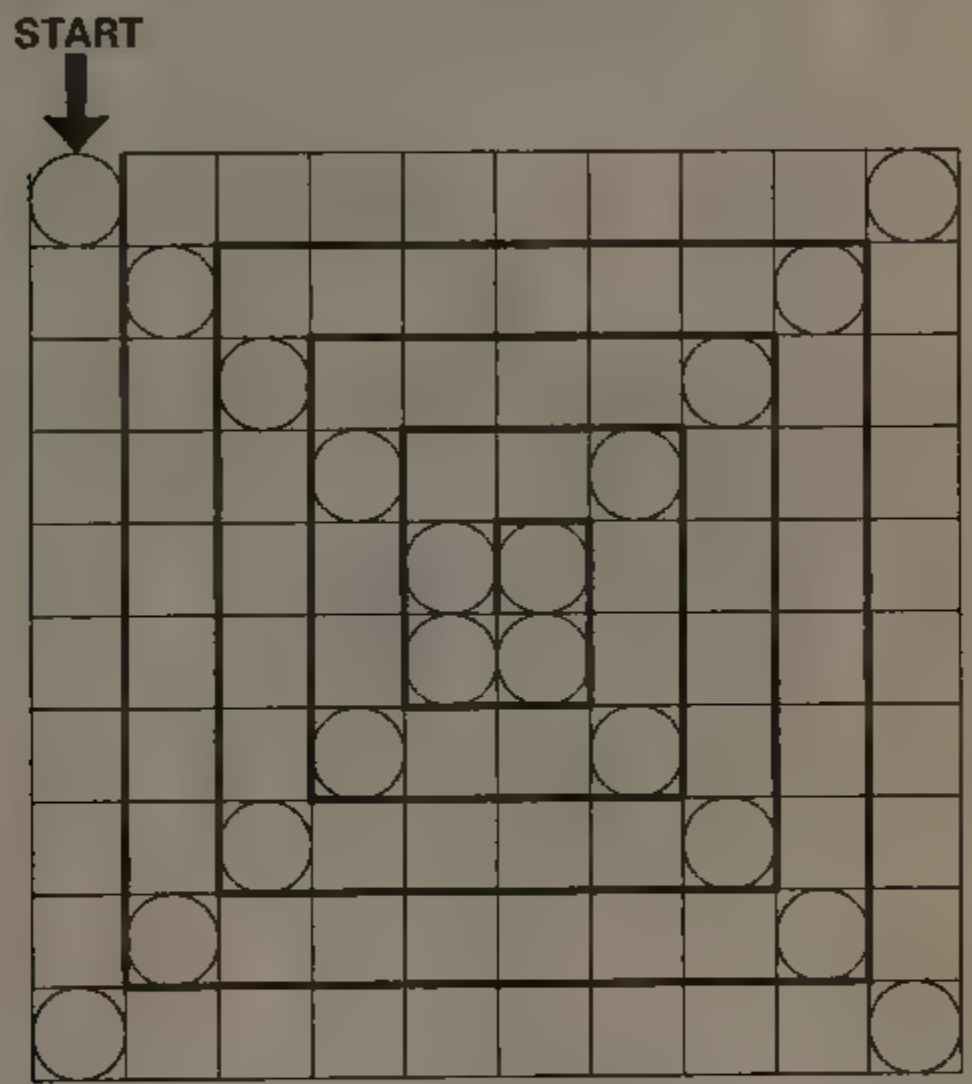
7 Bewilder (6)
8 Toed the line (6)
9 Supply with weapons (3)
10 Memorials of historic interest (6)
11 Amorous (6)
12 Shape of an ogee (3)
14 Not the same (5)
17 Make amends (5)
19 Spurs on (5)
20 Meadow attached to a church (5)
23 Pig's nose (5)
26 Small snake supposed to have killed Cleopatra (3)
28 Attack by argument (6)
29 Engraver (6)
30 Admit (3)
31 Was scared of (6)
32 Came closer (6)

DOWN

1 Discard (6)
2 Without purpose (6)
3 Rental contract (5)
4 Big books (5)
5 Written account (6)
6 Area (6)
13 Wise people (5)
15 Variety or shade of a colour (3)
16 Evergreen shrub with bitter strong-scented leaves (3)
17 Beast of burden or a fool (3)
18 Yoko ___, Mrs John Lennon (3)
21 Overtook by a complete circuit (6)
22 Ill-defined (6)
24 Delicious drink (6)
25 Not balanced (6)
26 Electrode, opposite of cathode (5)
27 One hundredth of a pound (5)

Spiral

Every answer (except the first) uses the last letter of the preceding answer as its initial letter, the chain thus formed following a spiral path to the centre of the grid. The diagonals spell the names of two American Civil War battles.



- Seabird (9)
- Revolutionise (9)
- King John's 1215 charter (5, 5)
- Habituated (10)
- Bandage (8)
- Gathering (5)
- Small area of still water (4)
- Pub game (5)
- Hair lather (7)
- Short musical play (8)
- Type of mathematics (7)
- Photograph book (5)
- Swiss breakfast food (6)
- Apathy, idleness (7)
- ____ de Triomphe, Paris (3)
- Venomous African snake (5)
- Small notices (3)
- Plant, food substitute (4)
- Silvery-grey barked tree (3)

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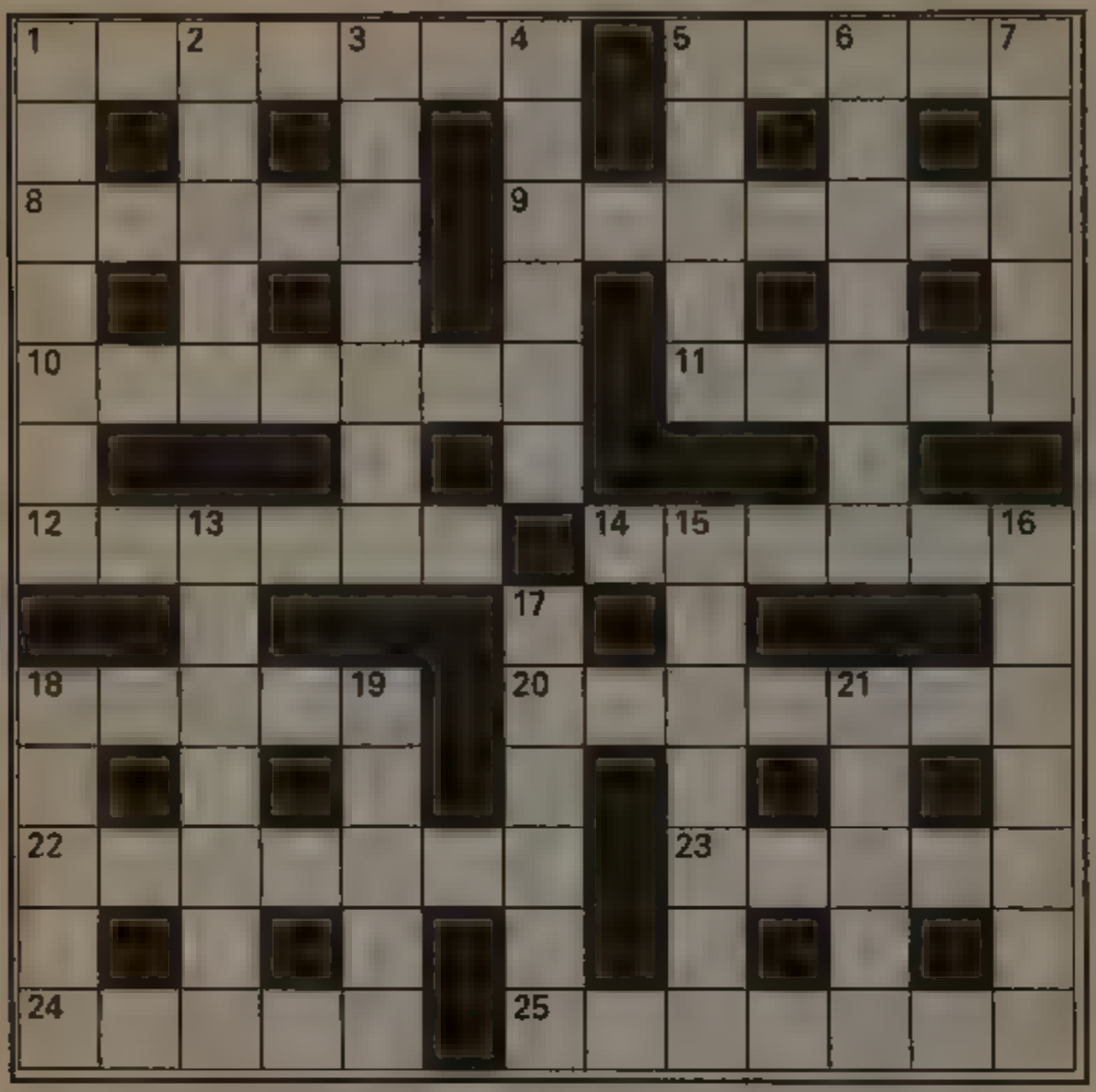


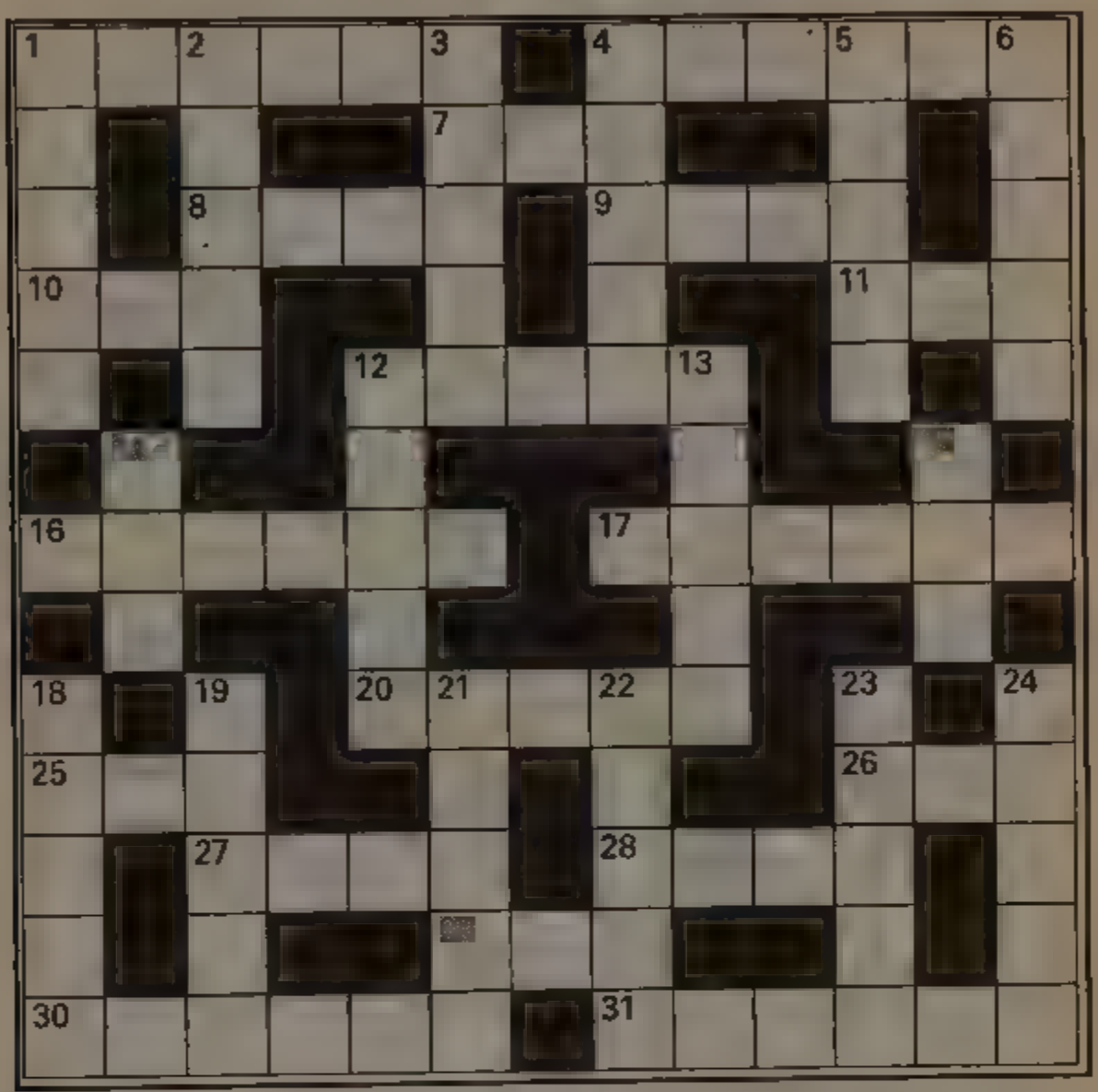
ACROSS

1 Ancestry (7)
5 Any of the numerals from nought to nine (5)
8 Woodland sprite (5)
9 More flexible (coll) (7)
10 Made safe (7)
11 Of each thing (5)
12 Common garden bird (6)
14 Official count of the population (6)
18 Sat for a picture (5)
20 One of a broken set (7)
22 Knitting pins (7)
23 Rustic (5)
24 Companies of actors (5)
25 Clothed (7)

DOWN

1 Most extensive (7)
2 Christens (5)
3 Clings to (7)
4 Encloses snugly (6)
5 Movement to music (5)
6 Covers worn above the shoes (7)
7 Perpetually late (5)
13 Slices of bacon (7)
15 Give one's backing (7)
16 Sank to the bottom (7)
17 Sheltered (6)
18 Sudden terror (5)
19 Stupid people (5)
21 Lords (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

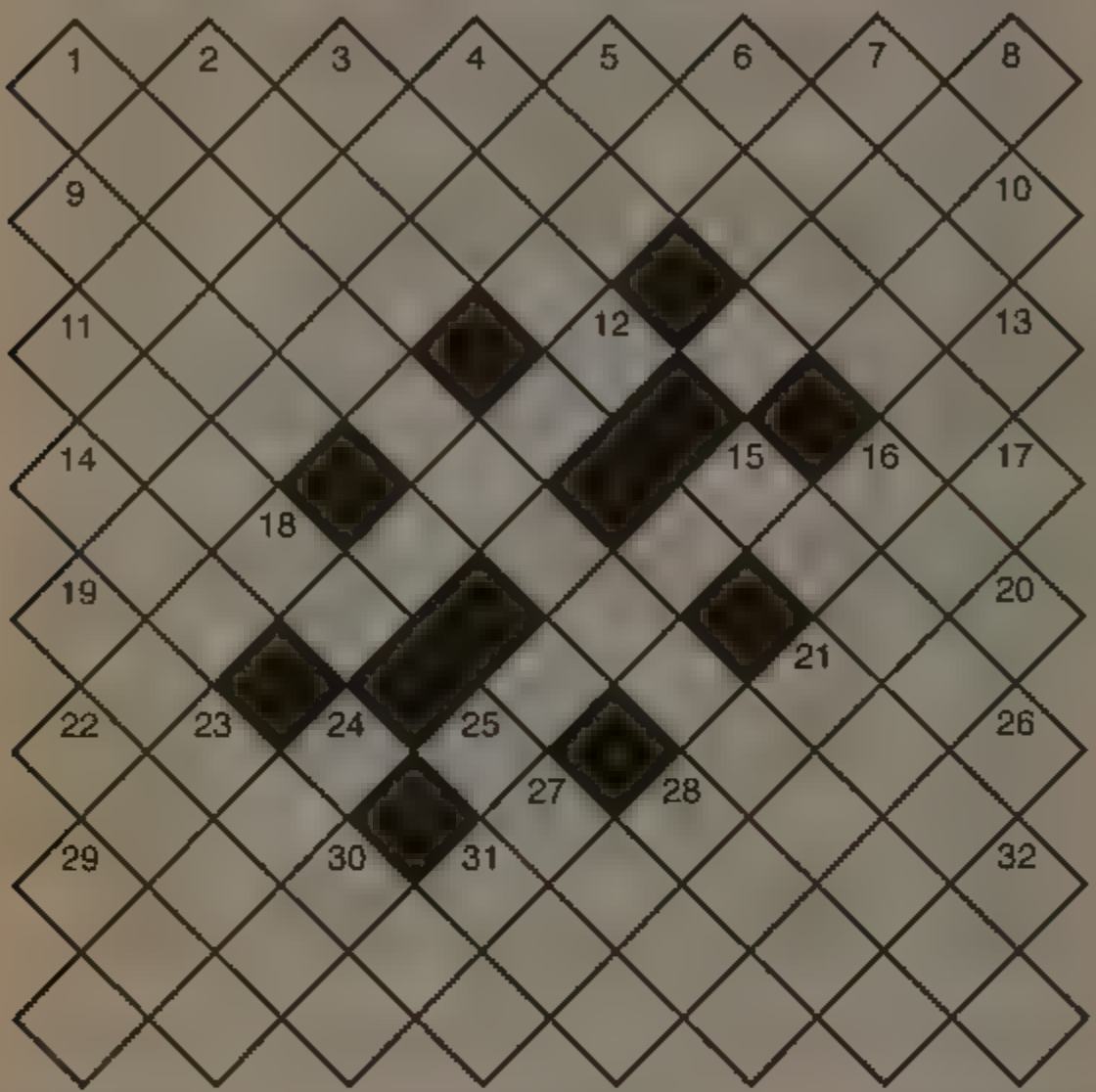
1 Medical concoction (6)
4 Slip away, as time (6)
7 Rounded vase (3)
8 Diplomacy (4)
9 Action intended to mislead or deceive (4)
10 Be situated (3)
11 Farmyard animal (3)
12 Go by bike (5)
16 Fragrances (6)
17 Excessively (6)
20 Foe (5)
25 Pasture (3)
26 Girl's name (3)
27 Beat (4)
28 Midday (4)
29 Eternity (3)
30 Left one another (6)
31 Entertained (6)

DOWN

1 Tablets (5)
2 Religious icon of Native Americans (5)
3 *The ___ Professor*, Jerry Lewis film (5)
4 Sign up for (5)
5 Takes quick looks (5)
6 Sorrowful poem (5)
12 Use bad language (5)
13 Messenger, particularly a diplomat (5)
14 Fuss and bother (3)
15 Advanced in years (3)
18 Be dormant (5)
19 Darth ___, baddie in *Star Wars* (5)
21 Called (5)
22 Heavenly food (5)
23 Sorts (5)
24 Put into a class (5)

Criss-Cross

Every solution is entered diagonally, either to the left or to the right, from the square indicating its clue-number.



TO THE LEFT

2 Vigour
3 Architect of the Houses of Parliament
4 Famous
5 Loss of feeling and movement in the body
6 Jargon
7 Snoop
8 Weekly football gamble
10 Pair
12 Harms
13 Venture
15 Arched roof
17 Foxglove
18 Sporting side
20 Minor nobleman
23 Fishing trap
24 Group of rugby forwards
26 French city where denim was originally made
27 Join on to
30 Metal with symbol Sn
32 Use needle and thread

TO THE RIGHT

1 Shop's loyal client (7, 8)
2 Stage in insect's growth
3 Capital of Western Australia
4 Sprinted
5 Quantity of goods carried by an aircraft (3-4)
6 Mob
7 Sink a snooker ball
9 Feeling of sorrow
11 Birds' homes
14 Perish
15 Strict vegetarian
16 Tease
19 Church hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*
21 Coloured part of the eye
22 Deserve
25 Stories
28 Once again
29 Beer cask
31 Fragment

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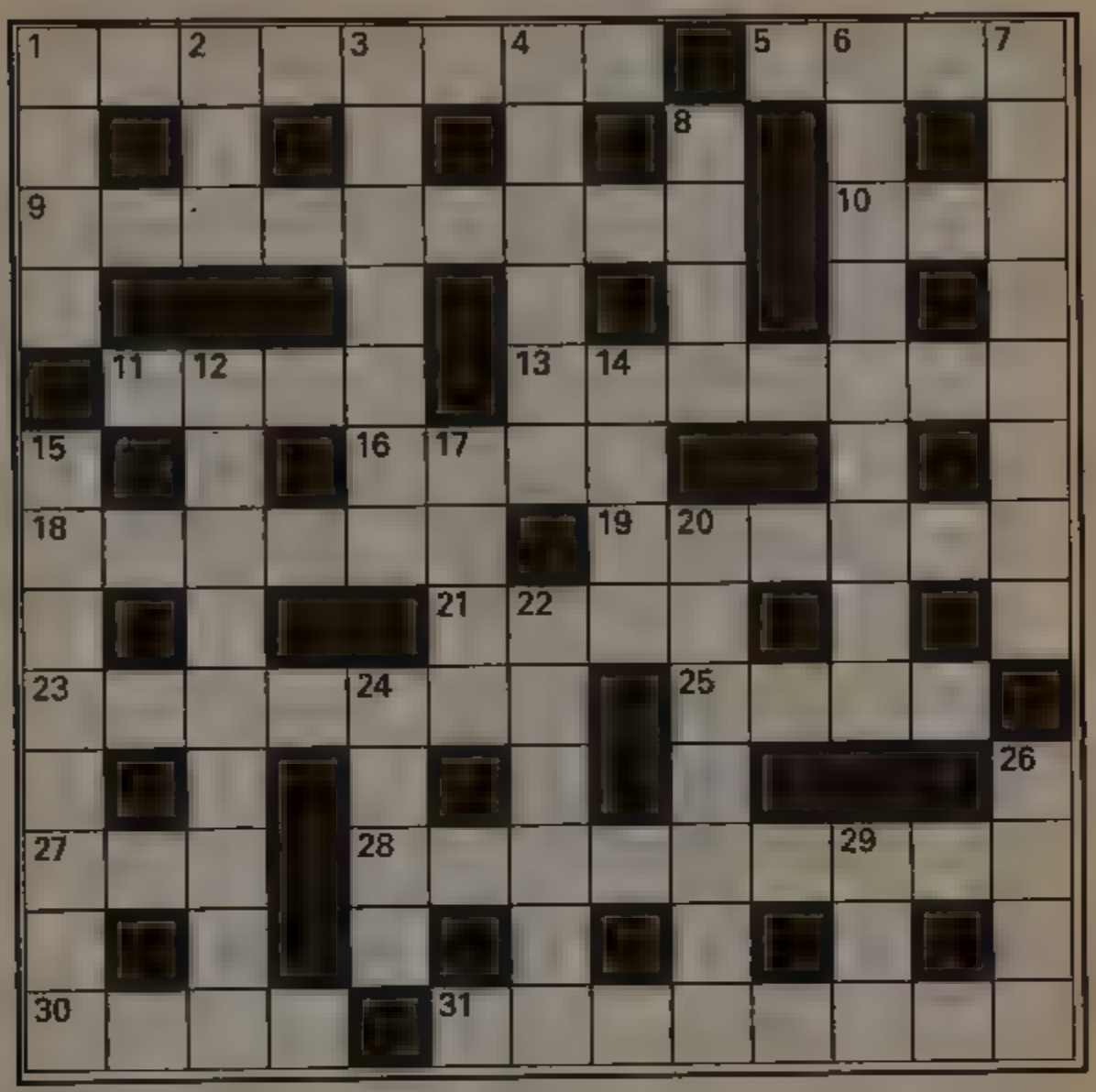


ACROSS

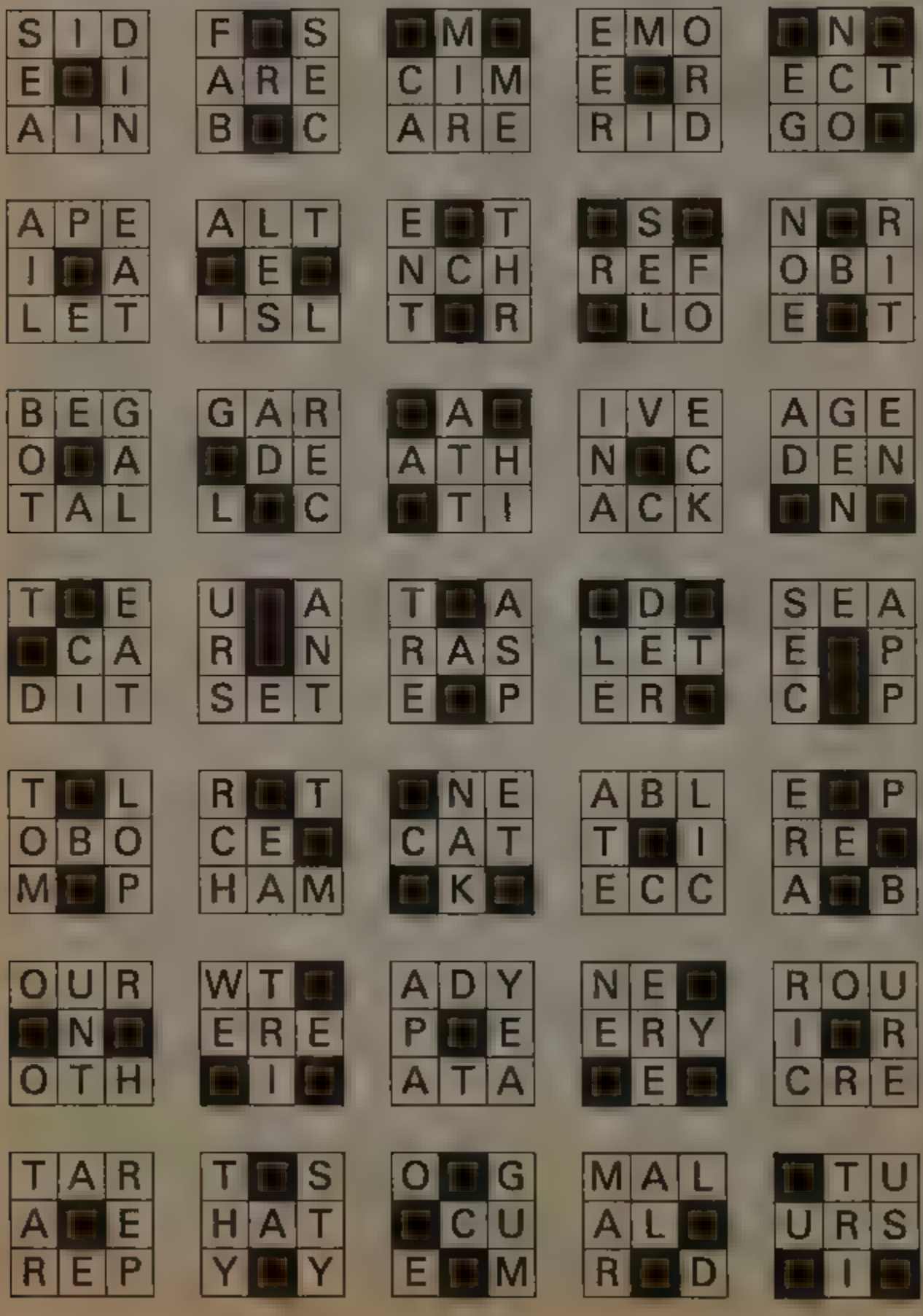
1 Bringing down (8)
5 Performs (4)
9 Experienced (9)
10 In biology, eggs (3)
11 Female horse (4)
13 Soft lower part of the hearing organ (7)
16 Divots (4)
18 Roast, mashed or chipped vegetable (6)
19 Settling a debt (6)
21 Orange peel (4)
23 Overcome (7)
25 Coloured (4)
27 Turkish leader (3)
28 Foulness (9)
30 Badger's home (4)
31 Male relatives (8)

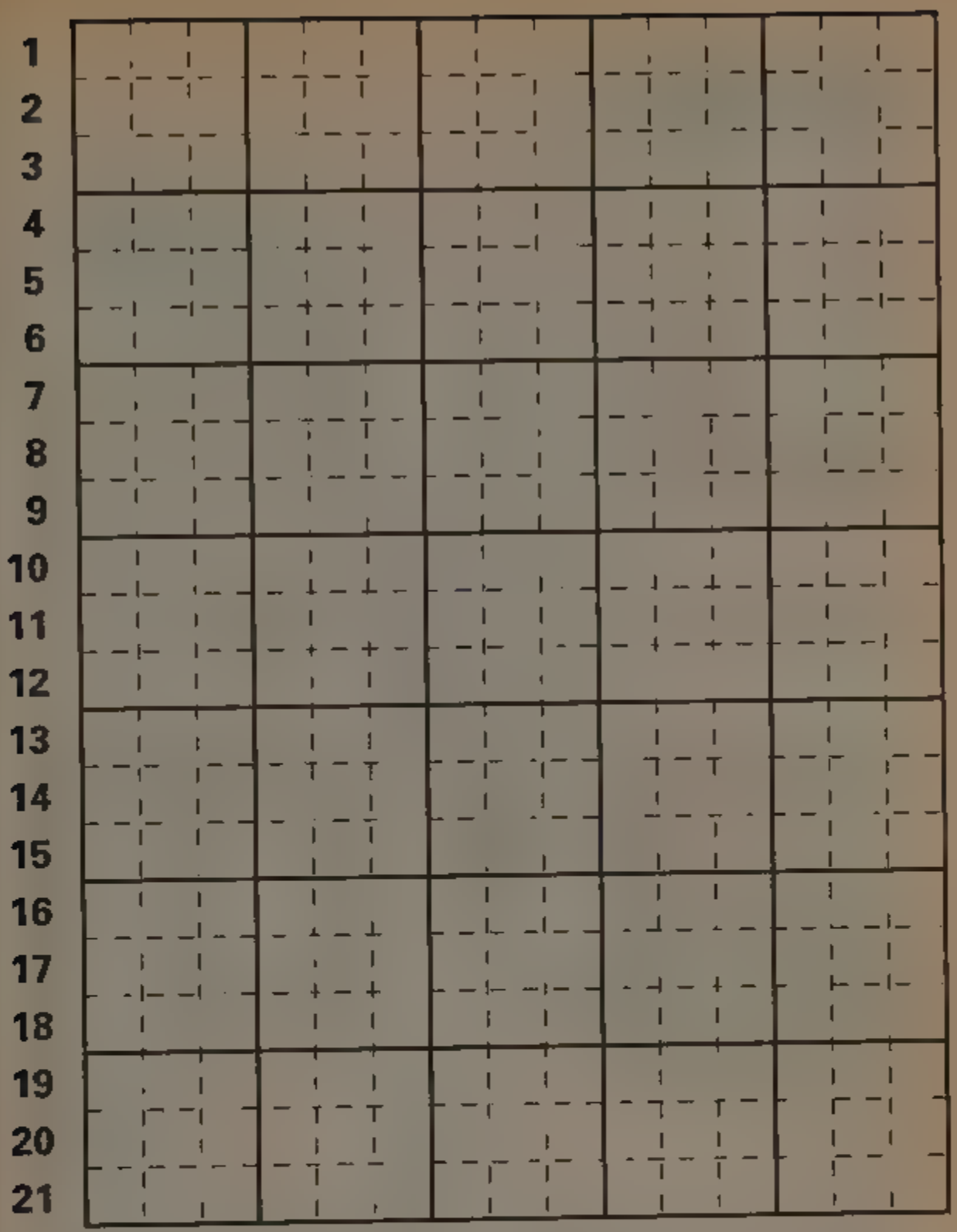
DOWN

1 Not false (4)
2 Notebook (3)
3 Biggest (7)
4 Necessary (6)
6 Large tropical reptile (9)
7 Search among waste (8)
8 Asterisk (4)
12 Assistant (9)
14 Small poisonous snakes (4)
15 Pop group of *Ghost Town* fame (8)
17 Exude (4)
20 One who does not believe in a god (7)
22 Rubber (6)
24 Bone of the arm (4)
26 The Thames at Oxford (4)
29 Sheep (3)

Pieceword

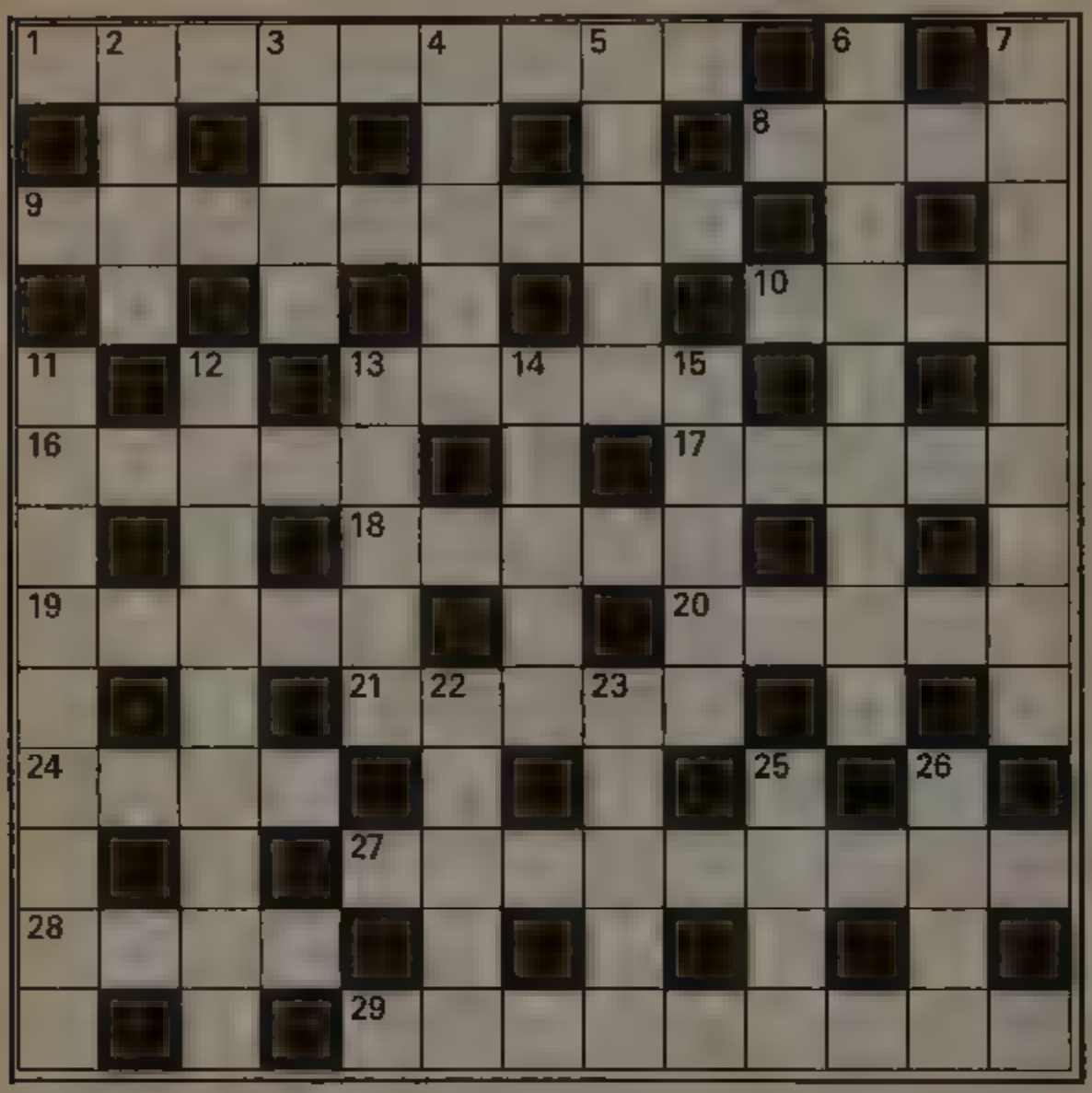
With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the 35 pieces into their correct positions in the empty grid (which, when completed, will exhibit a symmetrical pattern)?





1 Begin; whispered stage remark
2 Region; rub out; creep forwards
3 Wrinkled material; emulsion
4 Defeat soundly; keen; recording ribbon
5 Tone
6 Reputation; Shakespearean play
7 Ocean
8 Sportsperson; chief pupil
9 Row; advertising symbol
10 Male singing voice; triangular piece of end of wall; flow
11 Sever; anger
12 Water-girt land; birthplace of Mohammed; the two of them
13 Eft; song
14 Food provider; children's playschool
15 Clique
16 Pauper; illness
17 Proceeding by tens
18 Lanky; nurse; information
19 Citrus fruit; metal fastener
20 Woodwind instrument; redbreast; gossip
21 Haughtiness; sticky

Puzzler



ACROSS

1 Get revenge (9)
8 Put into pawn (4)
9 Extended (9)
10 Surrounded by (4)
13 Anxious (5)
16 Attain (5)
17 Assisted (5)
18 Not paid (5)
19 Dairy produce (5)
20 Enlist (5)
21 Ship's non-commissioned officer (5)
24 Facet (4)
27 Produce a wave pattern (9)
28 Public houses (4)
29 Rising (9)

DOWN

2 Long, scaleless fish (4)
3 The 'A' of AD (4)
4 Visual entity (5)
5 Pours with rain (5)
6 Naval rank (9)
7 To run off hastily (coll) (9)
11 Warm set of clothes worn by athletes (9)
12 Twill-weave worsted, cotton (9)
13 Part of the hand (5)
14 Titles (5)
15 Consumed (5)
22 Fertile area in a desert (5)
23 Make as one (5)
25 Flowed from a cut (4)
26 Amaze suddenly (4)

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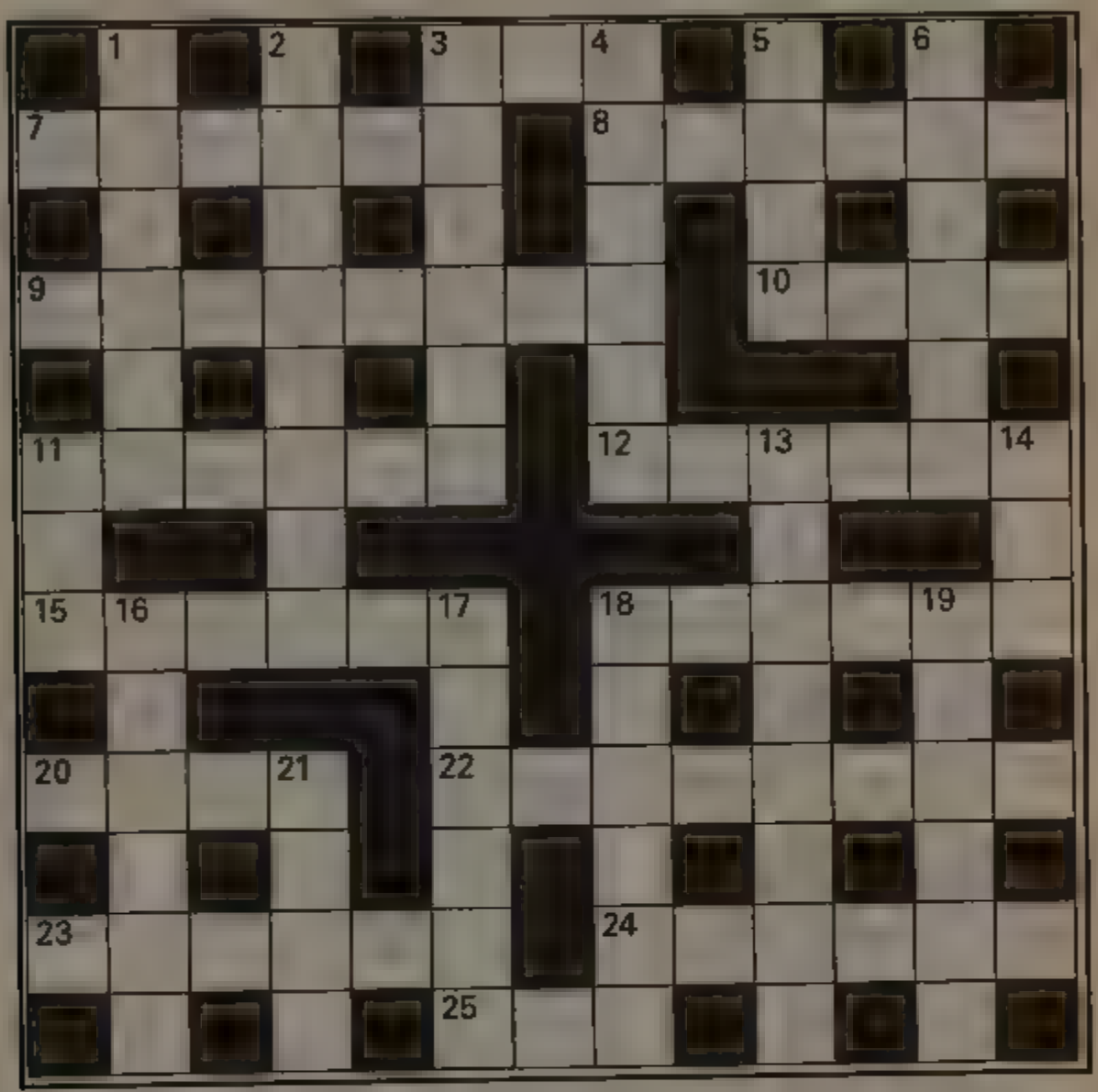


ACROSS

3 River island (3)
7 Quality of being amusing (6)
8 Rejoices (6)
9 Time limit (8)
10 Festival (4)
11 Referee (6)
12 Pretend to have or feel (6)
15 Delicate (6)
18 Carrier (6)
20 Heroic poem (4)
22 Illegally imports or exports goods (8)
23 Copyist (6)
24 Illuminated naturally (6)
25 Change the colour of cloth (3)

DOWN

1 Building used for the exhibition of antiquities (6)
2 Section of an orchestra (8)
3 Turn up (6)
4 Type of Russian vehicle (6)
5 Large divide (4)
6 Crackling sound on the radio (6)
11 Last (abbrev) (3)
13 Paving stones (8)
14 Bitumen (3)
16 Anticipate or wait (6)
17 Corroded (6)
18 Injury, discoloured skin (6)
19 Facial feature (6)
21 Cut with shears (4)

Alphabetical Jigsaw

Clue A leads to a solution beginning with the letter A, clue B to one beginning with the letter B, and so on, through the alphabet. Having discovered the solutions, the solver must (as if completing a jigsaw) determine their positions in the diagram.

AERATE A At first, as every reveller's aware,
The end's to enliven his drink – with air (6)

BURN B Brown and dun co-mingling achieve
ARSON Arsonist's aim t'wards his objective (4, 4)

C Assistant to rooster clearly heard
COCKADE The rosette upon the hat conferred (7)

DELIVERS D One of six that you might say
Gives over in the field of play (8)

EASY E The proa sails away at last,
With this midshipman 'fore the mast? (4)

FURTIVE F Lacking nothing of virtue, but upset
To discover how stealthy one can get (7)

G Does hungry mongrel appear that lacks
GREYHOUNDS The pace of these others on the tracks? (10)

H As 'encores' and 'boos' from the audience
HOUSE CALLS Or visits by doctor to his patients (5, 5)

INDIAN I Ploy of abseiling up, not down,
ROPE TRICK As may be seen in Punjabi town (6, 4, 5)

JUMP SHIP J Leap over scattered hips
To stop serving on ocean trips (4, 4)

KOBBLED K Was equipped to absorb new stock
KNITTED But got stitched up – into a sock? (7)

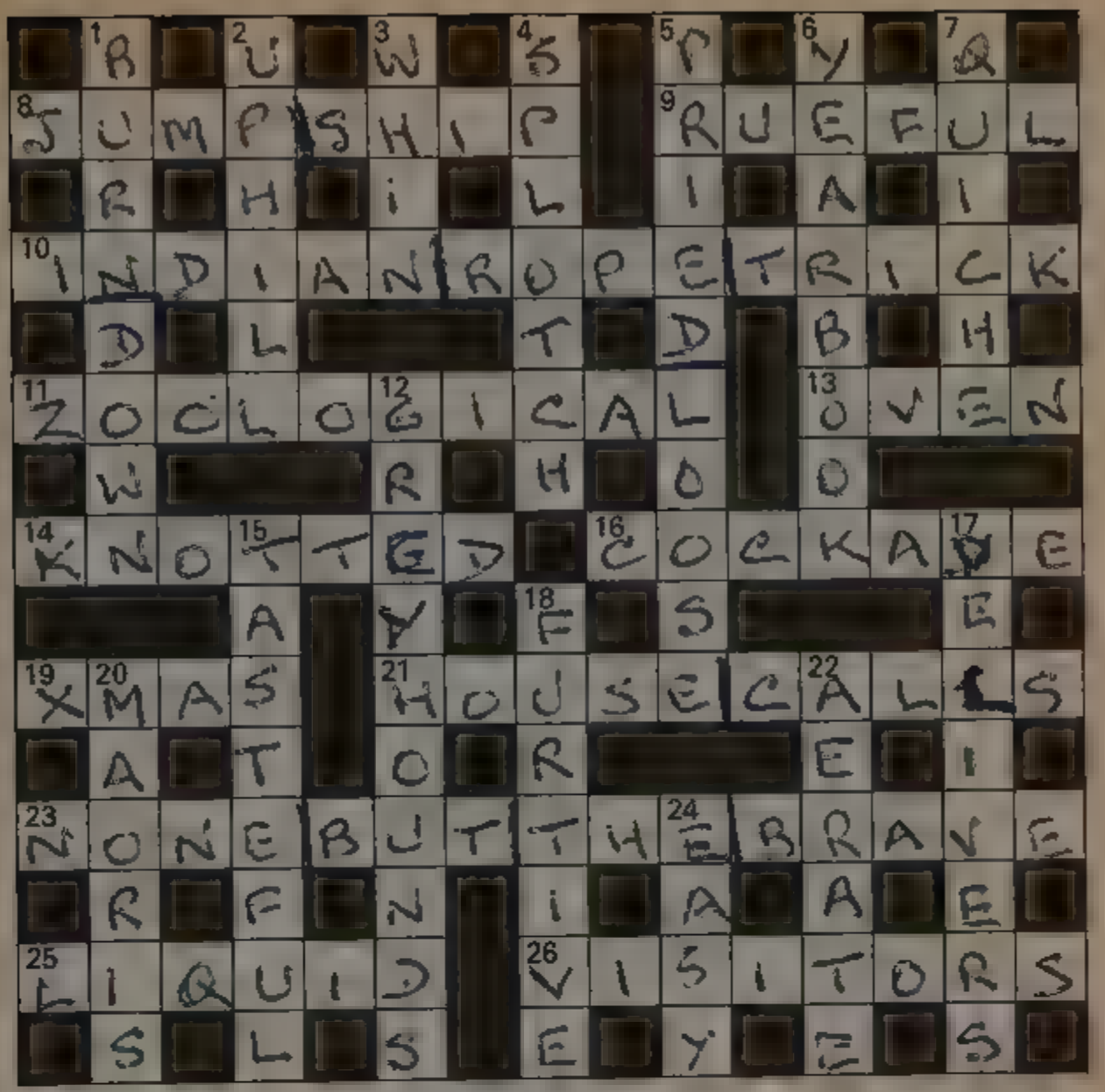
LIQUID L Such assets are by no means solid
But can they flow into one's wallet? (6)

MACRO M Antipodeans appearing in
March Mao risked through wild Cochin (6)

NONE BUT N Only a Sioux, perhaps, you hear
THE BRAVE Deserves the fair, by lacking fear (4, 3, 3, 5)

OLDEN O Our very earliest neighbours began
To use this instead of a roasting pan (4)

FREED LOOSE P Sounds like group of lions free,
PRIDE Having been winkled out, maybe (5, 5)



QUICHE Cuban after French who start
To make an open pastry tart (6)

RUEFUL By sorrow rant yet may be found
In true fulfilment to abound (6)

PLOTH School beginners adopt plot
To produce a heavy spot (7)

ASTUTE Astute fool limits the creation
Of what's flavoursome in sensation (8)

STRUGGLE Such a struggle's not on the flat
For body of Dauphin, ta'en sick at that! (6)

VISITORS Six sit or stand initially
But, as opponents, not impartially (8)

WHIN Gorse seemingly doth appear
In low hinterland of Belvedere (4)

XMAS Ximenes' mother always sought
Openings for when presents should be got (4)

YEARBOOK Annual production from publisher, say,
Could stimulate bore, okay? (8)

ZOOLOGICAL Such gardens filled by those from the Ark
In Whipsnade, say, or Regent's Park (10)

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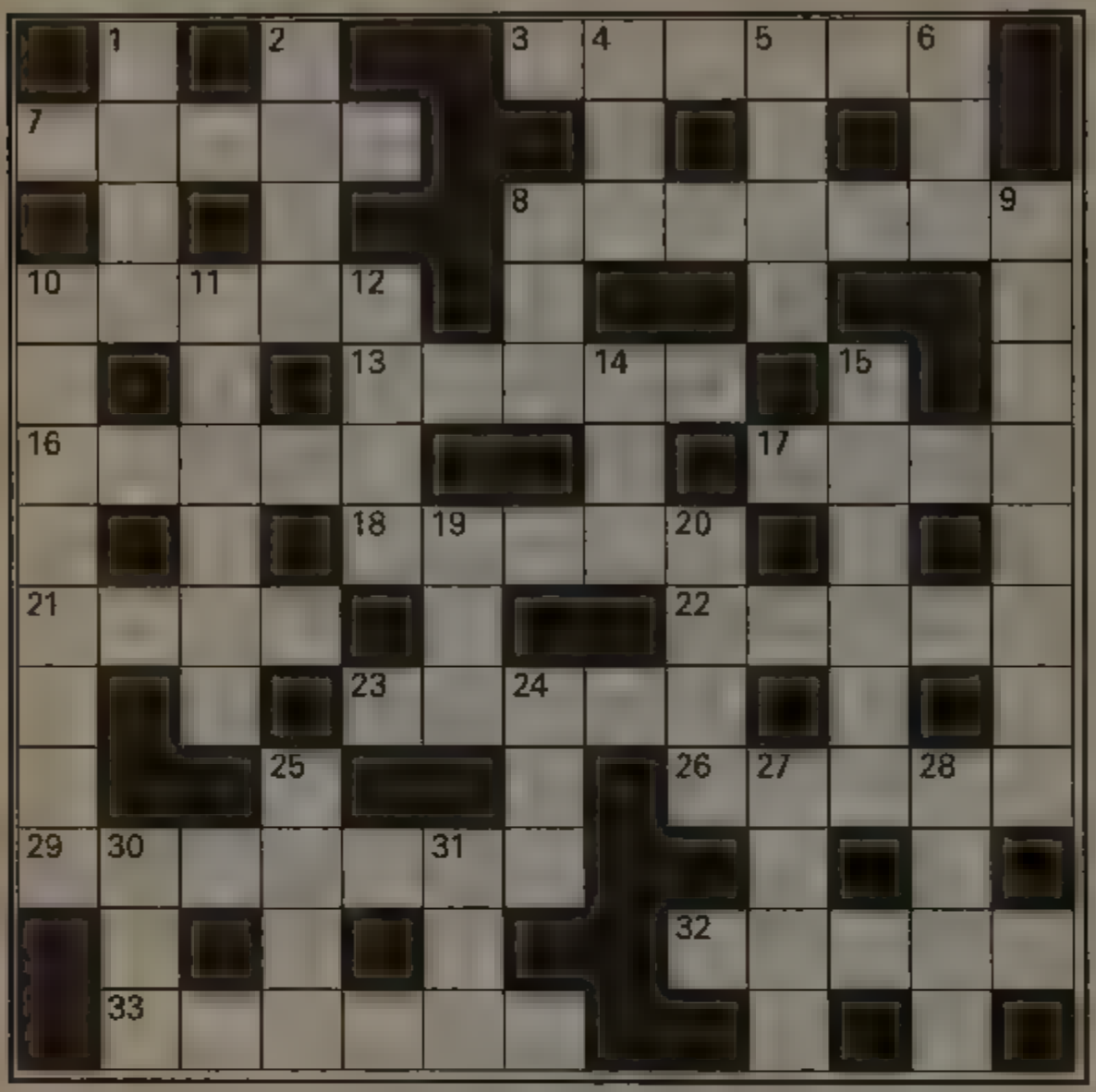

ACROSS

3 Tottered (6)
7 Unimportant, niggardly (5)
8 Crime (7)
10 Unlocks (5)
13 Stories (5)
16 Ghostly (5)
17 Placid (4)
18 Brief (5)
21 Unwell (4)
22 Series of metal links (5)
23 Eye protector (5)
26 Elliptical shapes (5)
29 Chickens, for example (7)
32 Shadow cast by the moon during solar eclipse (5)
33 Numeral (6)

DOWN

1 Beatles film and record (4)
2 Dumbfound (4)
4 Awkward lout (3)
5 Bottom of a ship (4)
6 'What's Up, ___?', Bugs Bunny's catch phrase (3)
8 Liquid mineral (3)
9 First principles (8)
10 Go too far (8)
11 Make wealthy (6)
12 Let it stand, printer's instruction (4)
14 Units of measurement in printing (3)
15 Hat worn by many cricket umpires (6)
19 Greek letter (3)
20 Reverberation of sound (4)
24 Essay (3)
25 Fruit (4)
27 Seductive woman who exploits men (4)
28 Italian currency (4)
30 Belonging to oneself or itself (3)
31 Female ruff (3)

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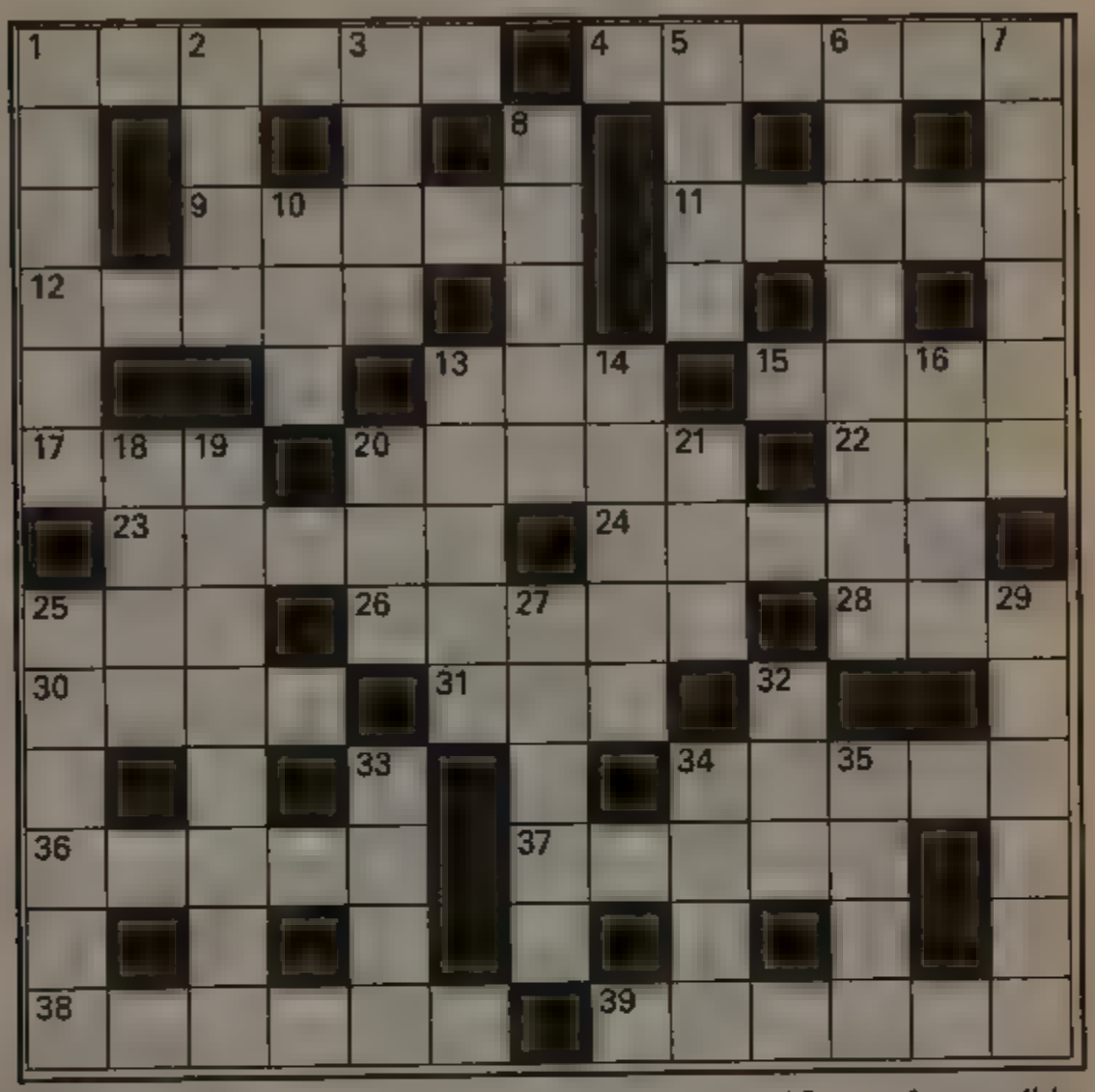

ACROSS

1 Type of hat (coll) (6)
4 Coax (6)
9 Lord (5)
11 Lecherous looks (5)
12 Presents (5)
13 Yellowish body fluid (3)
15 Gadget for icing cakes (4)
17 Type of phone call (inits) (3)
20 Goes without food or drink (5)
22 Cry of a matador (3)
23 Ghostly (5)
24 Components of a list (5)
25 High tone (3)
26 Child-rearing domestic (5)
28 Slippery as an ___, fishy saying (3)
30 Contract muscles (4)
31 Egg drink (3)
34 Asks God (5)
36 Next (5)
37 Law (5)
38 Salad vegetable (6)
39 Stints (6)

DOWN

1 Swells out (6)
2 Lupine animal (4)
3 Days preceding festivals (4)
5 Pin on which a wheel turns (4)
6 Succeed in subduing (8)
7 Make certain of (6)
8 Planet (5)
10 ___ *Impossible*, Perry Como song (3)
13 Exultation (5)
14 Stage-name of Gordon Sumner (5)
16 Besides, otherwise (4)
18 Relate (4)
19 Loathed (8)
20 Organ by which a fish steers (3)
21 Pen for keeping pigs (3)
25 Matter or business (6)
27 Annoyingly curious (5)
29 Those defeated (6)
32 Curve (3)
33 Epochs (4)
34 Pastel shade (4)
35 Fundamental particle (4)

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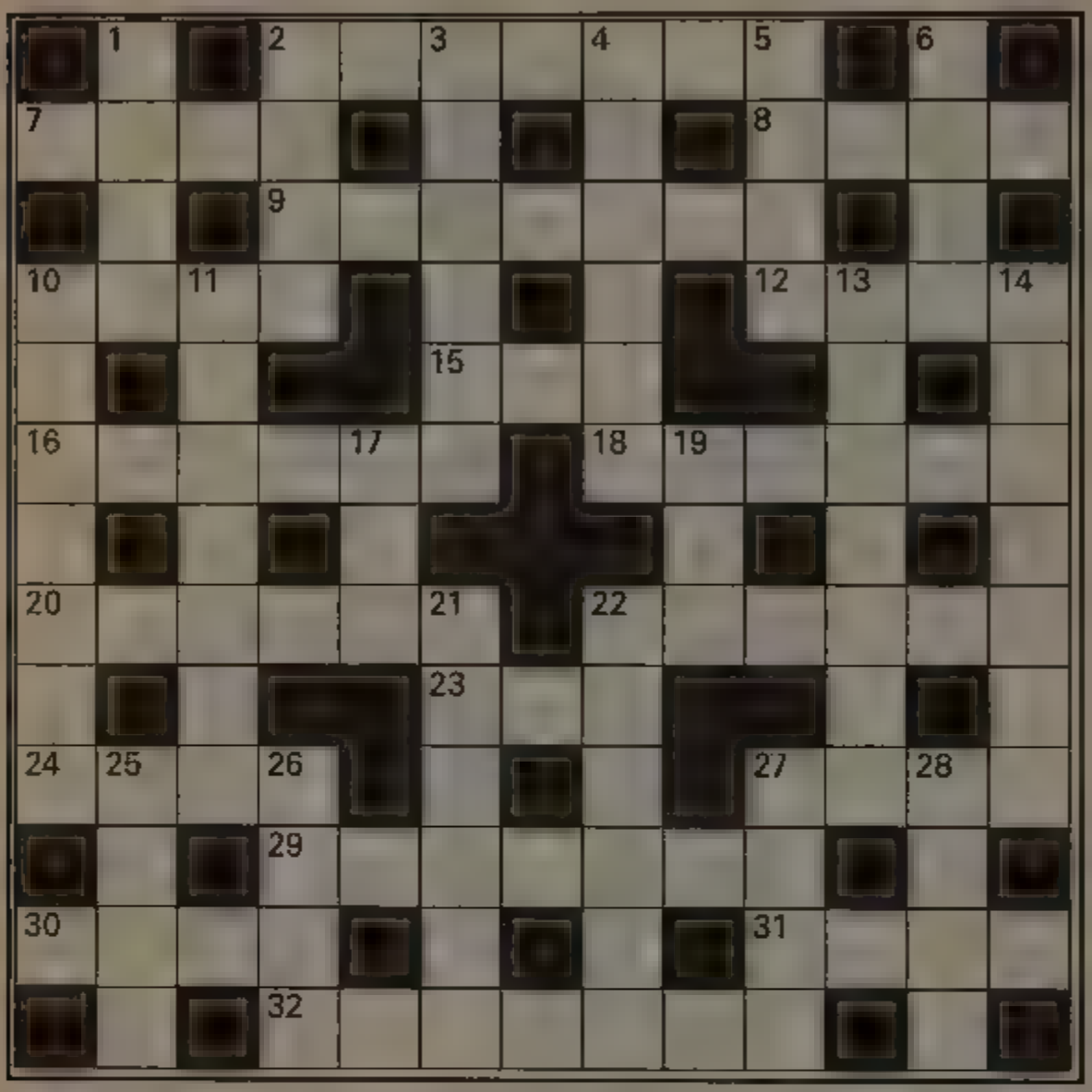


ACROSS

2 Baffled (7)
7 Change place (4)
8 Thought (4)
9 Wetter weather (7)
10 Bout of fever (4)
12 Lip caress (4)
15 ___ and downs, life's uncertainties (3)
16 Deaden sound (6)
18 Gratitude (6)
20 Revelled (6)
22 Boy's singing voice (6)
23 Norwegian pop group who sang *Take On Me* (1-2)
24 Japanese drink (4)
27 Turn ice to water (4)
29 Prize ribbon (7)
30 Deceitful person (4)
31 Weeps noisily (4)
32 Devices detecting changes (7)

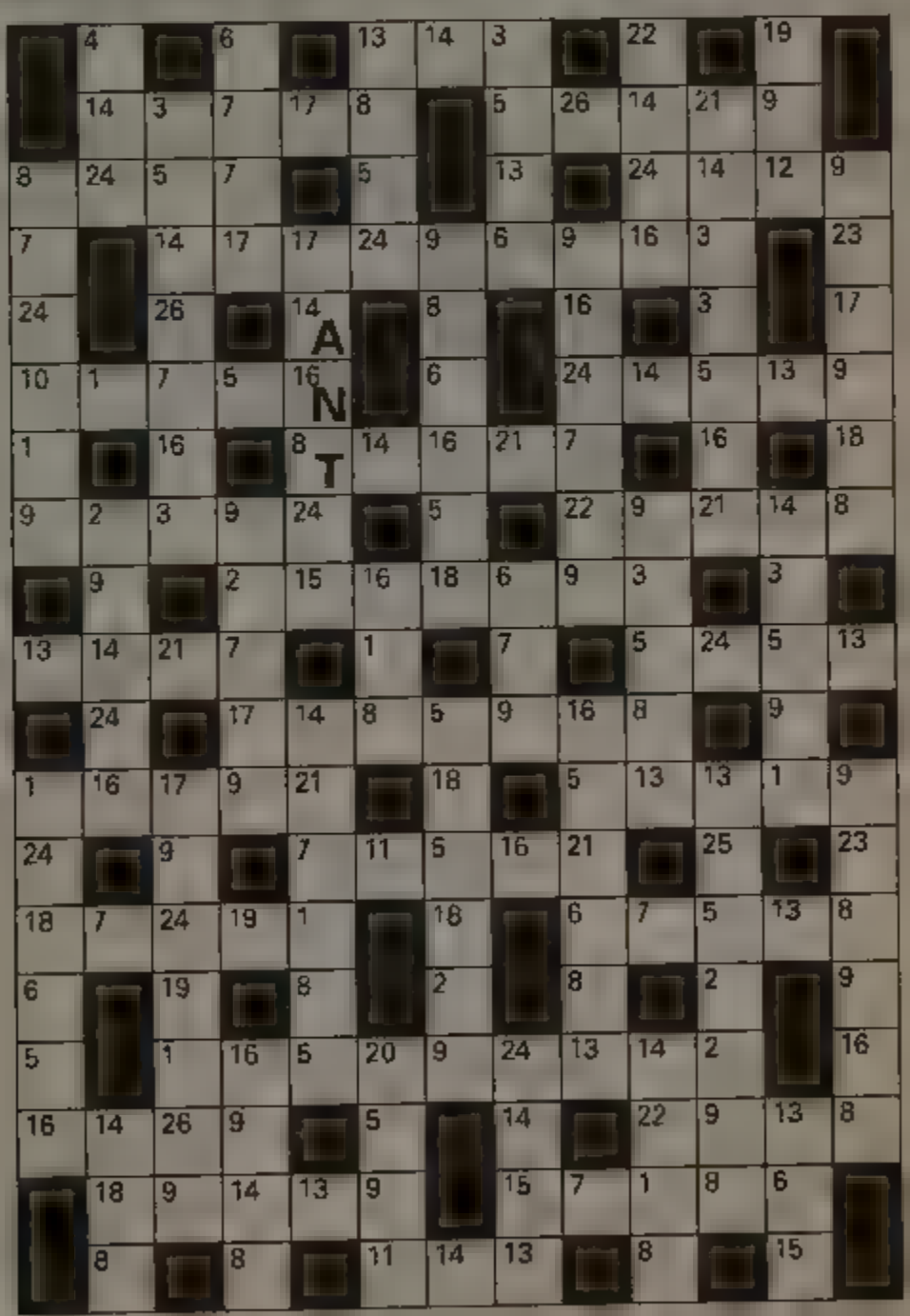
DOWN

1 Medal (coll) (4)
2 Dry and withered (4)
3 One of a kind (6)
4 Clergyman (6)
5 ___ Bogarde, British film actor (4)
6 Camera's eye (4)
10 Has a high opinion of (7)
11 Depose from ministry (7)
13 Dishonourable (7)
14 Think of as guilty (7)
17 Bruce ___, late Chinese actor (3)
19 Opposite of his (3)
21 Small plum (6)
22 Design printed onto a person's skin (6)
25 Amongst (4)
26 Goes wrong (4)
27 Untidy state (4)
28 Fleshy part of the ear (4)

Jumbo Keyword

This puzzle has no clues in the conventional sense. Instead, every different number printed in the main grid represents a different letter (with the same number always representing the same letter, of course). For example, if 17 turns out to be an 'F', you can write F wherever a square contains 17.

We have completed a very small part of the puzzle to give you a start, but the rest is up to you!



(The small grid is provided for ease of reference only)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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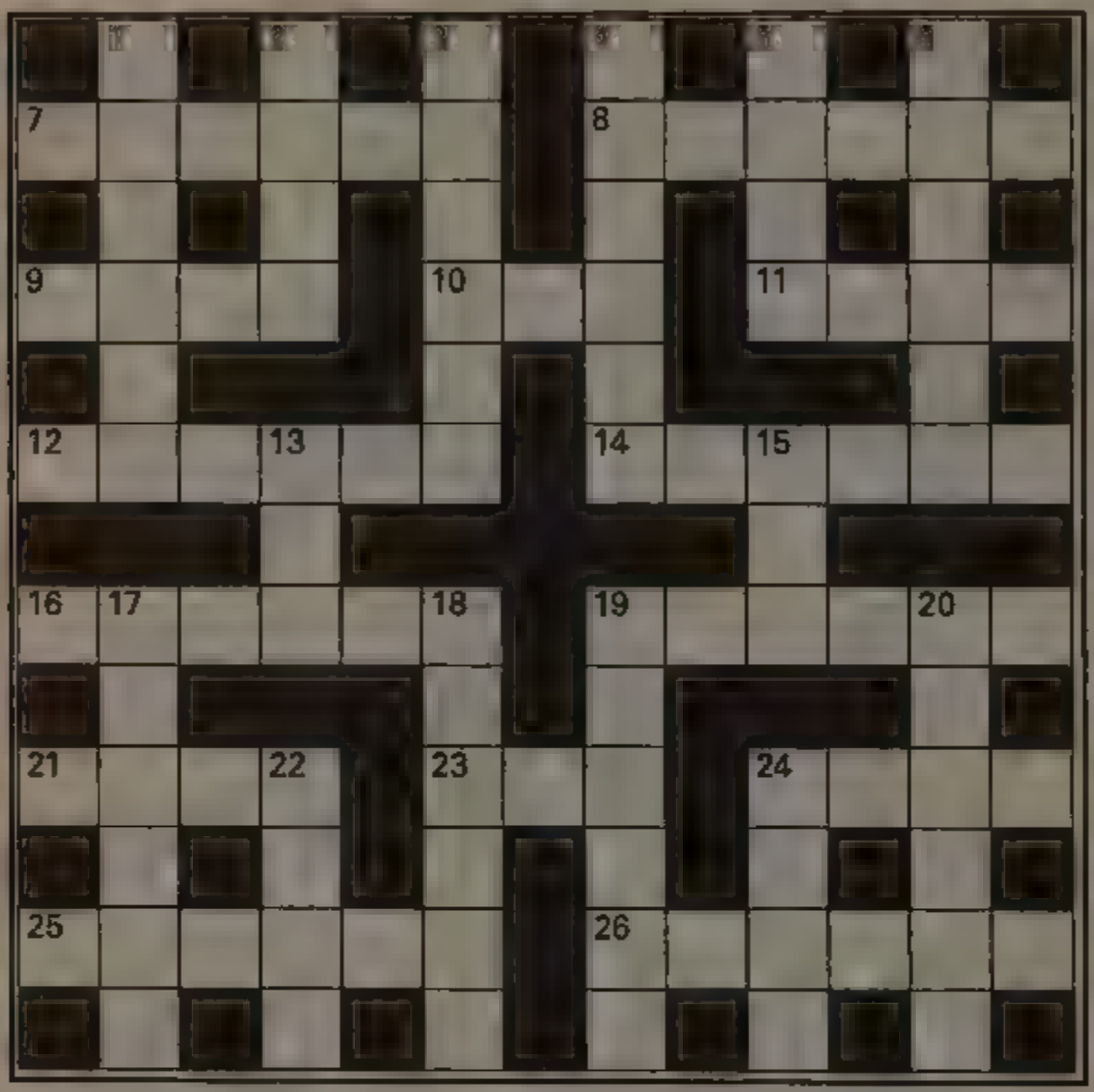


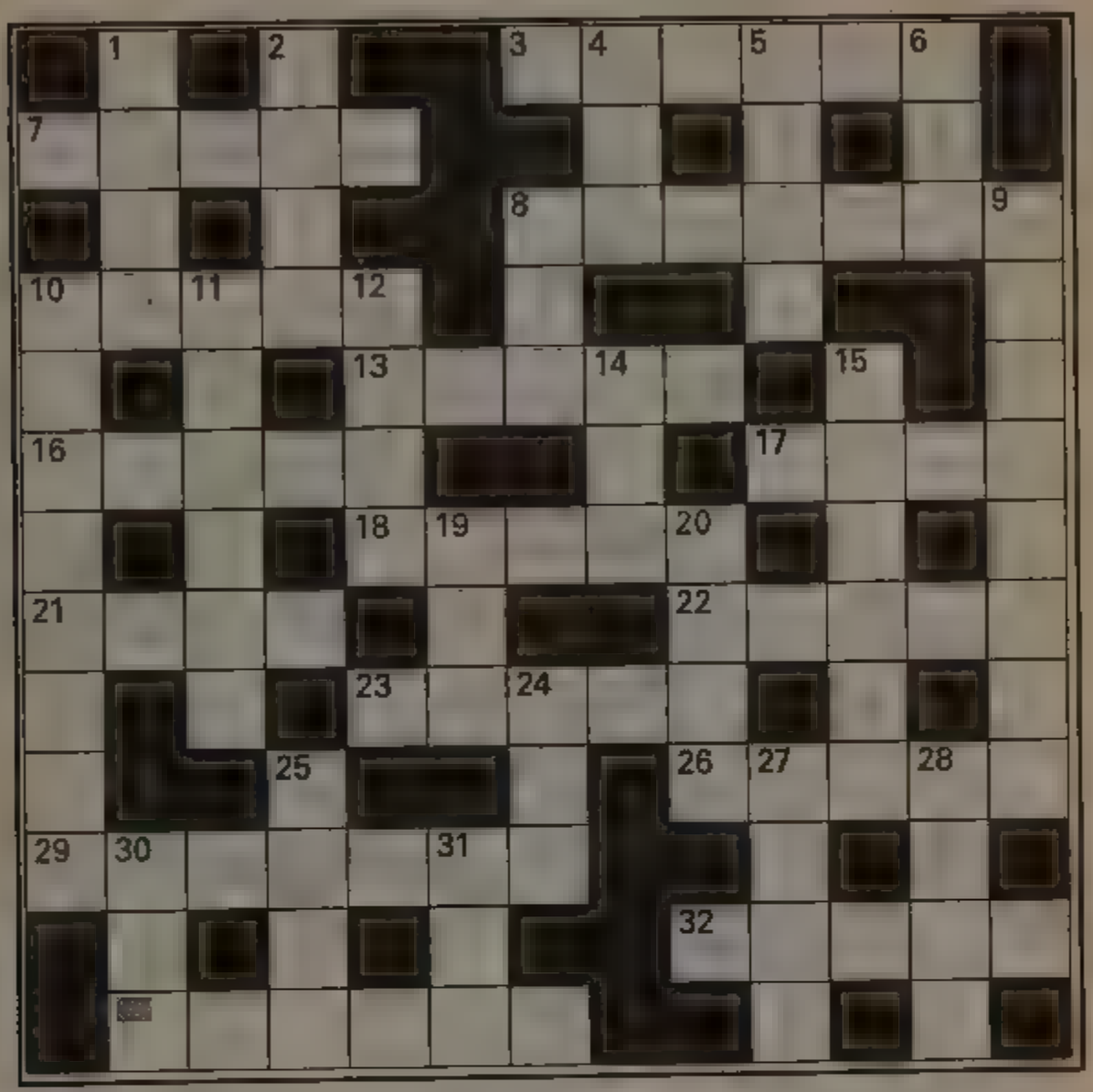
ACROSS

7 Volcanic stone (6)
8 At the back of the ship (6)
9 Invoice (4)
10 Poorly (3)
11 Large planetary satellite (4)
12 Landed property (6)
14 Cheats (6)
16 Templates (6)
19 Shaving or trimming (6)
21 Not include (4)
23 Day preceding (3)
24 Assign a place to sit (4)
25 Colourless part of blood (6)
26 Enhance (6)

DOWN

1 Deep crimson precious stones (6)
2 Assassinate (4)
3 Ridicule (6)
4 Travelled by boat (6)
5 List (4)
6 Enthusiasm for (6)
13 Boring instrument (3)
15 According to (3)
17 Bronzed metallic ware (6)
18 Playground ride (6)
19 Annoyed or vexed (6)
20 Subtle change in shade of meaning (6)
22 Job to be done (4)
24 Tender (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

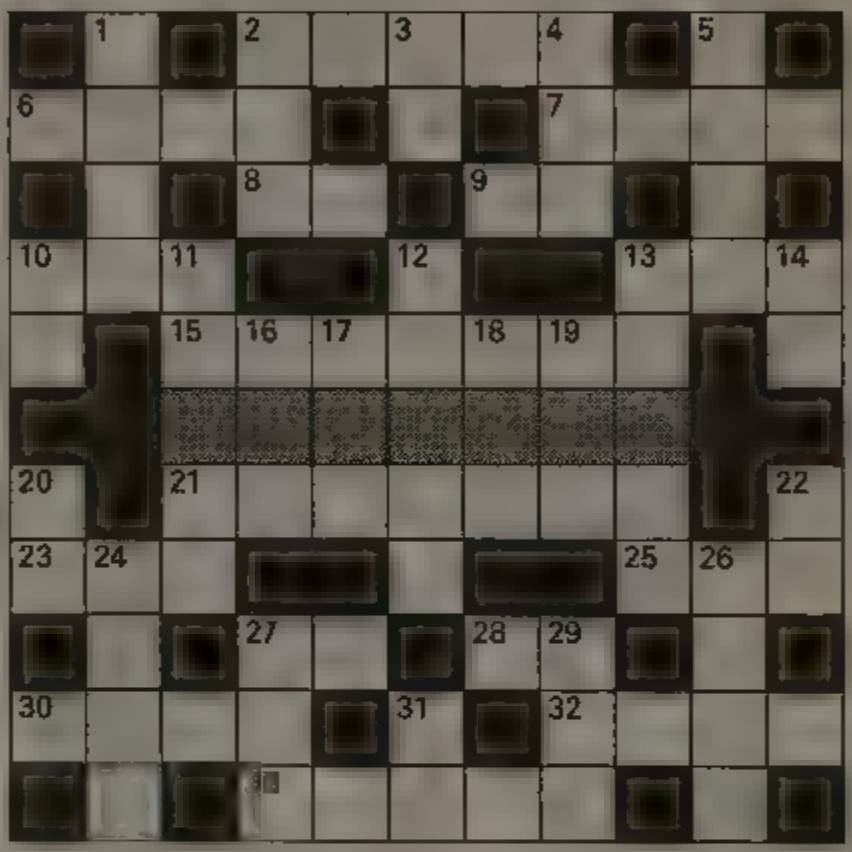
3 US film Academy Awards (6)
7 Diplomatic messenger (5)
8 Brings (7)
10 Pig food (5)
13 Not mine (5)
16 Senior in years (5)
17 Be in a rage (4)
18 Perform (5)
21 Pleasant French city (4)
22 Wished (5)
23 No longer fresh (5)
26 Jotted down (5)
29 Small canine pets (7)
32 *Beauty And The* ___, fairy tale (5)
33 Range (6)

DOWN

1 Falling crystals of ice (4)
2 ___ *Flanders*, novel by Daniel Defoe (4)
4 Perceive (3)
5 Parts of a circle (4)
6 Claim damages (3)
8 Viral disease (abbrev) (3)
9 Protected (8)
10 Disdainful (8)
11 Bring on (6)
12 Ancient musical instrument (4)
14 Gigantic mythical bird (3)
15 Doll on strings (6)
19 Louse's egg (3)
20 At that time (4)
24 Donkey (3)
25 Entrance passage to a mine (4)
27 Sign of things to come (4)
28 Achieved without great effort (4)
30 Copy (3)
31 Mother's ruin? (3)

DATELINE

A number jig with a difference: with clues to figure out (with the help of a calculator if you wish!) to discover the date in the shaded line – in this case, a notable musical birthdate



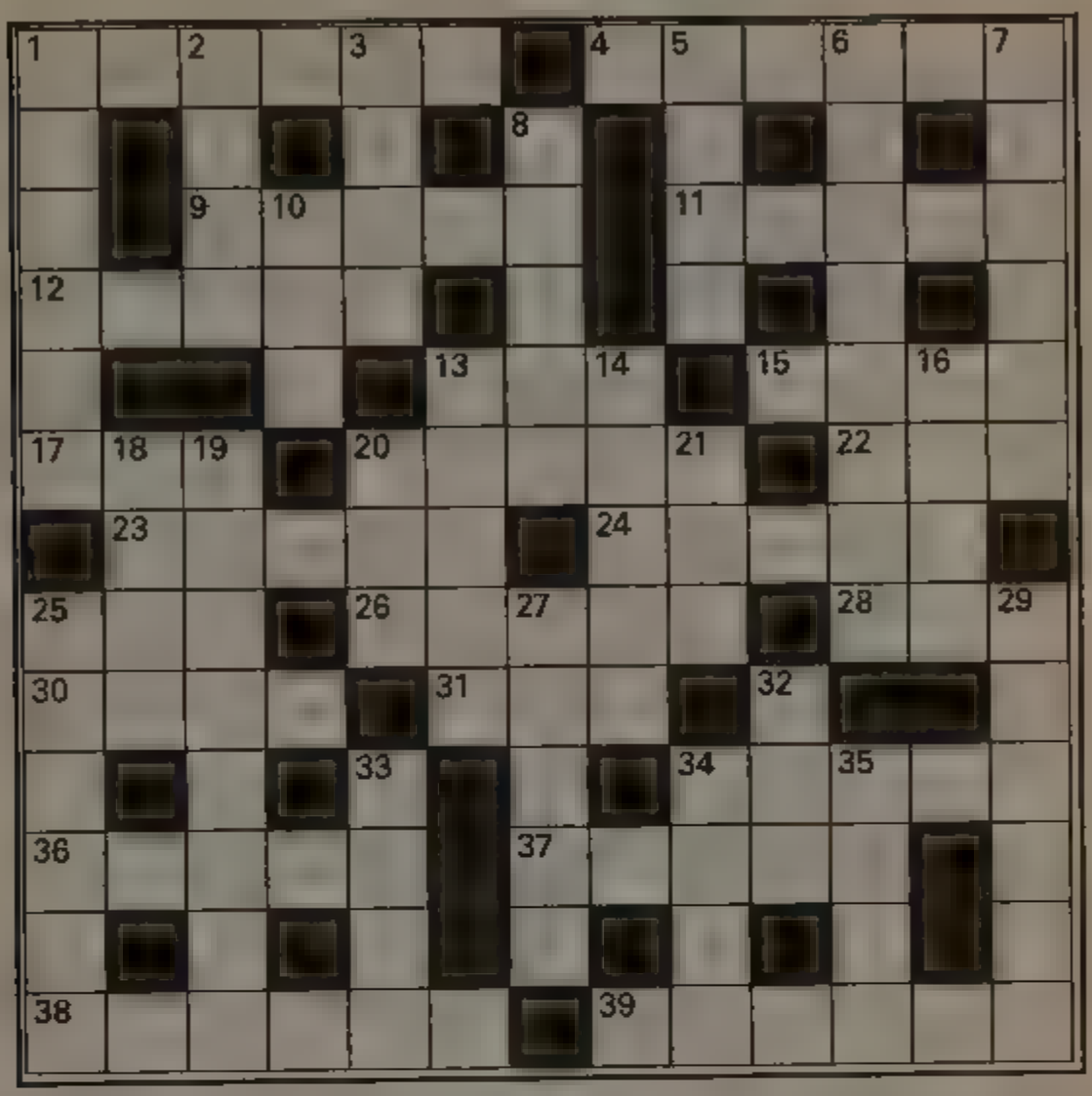
ACROSS

2 Multiply *5 down* by 12
6 3 per cent of 37,300
7 Reverse digits of *6 across*
8 Add 20 to *9 across*
9 Reverse digits of *22 down*
10 Add 1 to *23 across*
13 Half *27 down*
15 Square *1 down*
21 Square *5 down*
23 Subtract 556 from *25 across*
25 Next in the series 542, 640, 738...
27 Last two digits of *33 across*
28 Divide *12 down* by 444
30 Multiply *14 down* by 66
32 Add 4 to *5 down*
33 Add 20,000 to *2 across*

DOWN

1 Add 890 to *2 down*
2 Next in the series 190, 226, 262...
3 Square root of 1,296
4 Add 200 to *2 down*
5 Subtract 6,546 from *24 down*
10 Add 4 to *14 down*
11 Add 8,128 to *26 down*
12 Subtract 140 from *11 down*
13 Multiply *14 down* by 1002
14 Add 11 to *31 down*
16 Add 10 to *19 down*
17 Subtract 372 from *4 down*
18 Add 163 to *13 across*
19 Square root of 171,396
20 Half *14 down*
22 Add 42 to *27 across*
24 6 per cent of 144,300
26 Add 1,000 to *5 down*
27 Add 420 to *14 down*
29 Add 80 to *27 down*
31 Baker's dozen

Puzzler



ACROSS

1 Take on loan (6)
4 Agree to (6)
9 Cable-support structure (5)
11 Tyrolean song (5)
12 Notions (5)
13 Reverential wonder (3)
15 English flower (4)
17 Telephone code (inits) (3)
20 Evicts (5)
22 Common white fish (3)
23 Give way (5)
24 Like a tissue or napkin (5)
25 Musical form, originally Jamaican (3)
26 Plunged (5)
28 Bend in the middle (3)
30 Lower limbs (4)
31 Row (3)
34 Dimensions (5)
36 Shrink back (5)
37 Parent's brother (5)
38 Annoying (6)
39 Social standing (6)

DOWN

1 Corpses (6)
2 Ready to be harvested (4)
3 Birds reputed to be wise (4)
5 Type of agate (4)
6 Enclosed pastures (8)
7 Barked sharply (6)
8 Bites, wears away (5)
10 Pitch or roll about vertical axis (3)
13 Of sound (5)
14 Liquid used as an anaesthetic (5)
16 High-protein bean (4)
18 Rogue (4)
19 Slantwise (8)
20 *The ___ Curiosity Shop*, Dickens novel (3)
21 Depressed (3)
25 Not as fast (6)
27 Hold dear (5)
29 Pours forth (6)
32 None (3)
33 Adolescent (abbrev) (4)
34 Highlander (4)
35 Enthusiasm (4)

Missing Links

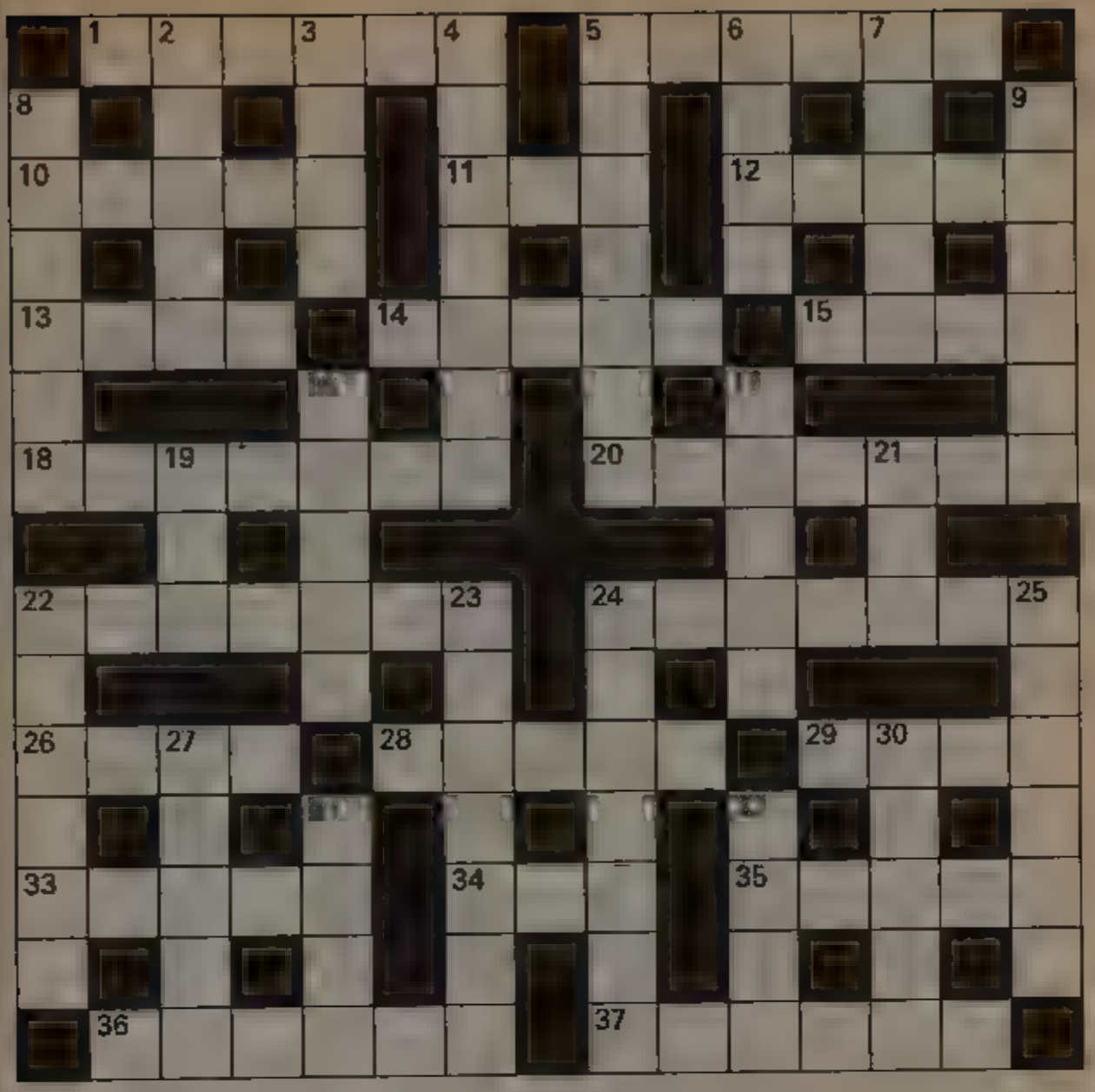
The answer to each clue is a word which has a link with each of the three words listed. This word may come at the end (eg HEAD linked with BEACH, BIG and HAMMER), at the beginning (eg BLACK linked with BEAUTY, BOARD and JACK) or a mixture of the two (eg STONE linked with HAIL, LIME and WALL).

ACROSS

1 BOXING, CABINET, EYE (6)
5 ARITHMETIC, BLOCK, NOTE (6)
10 CLOSING, NIGHT, WARNING (5)
11 CARDINAL, DEADLY, ORIGINAL (3)
12 LEAF, SUGAR, SYRUP (5)
13 GAS, GLOVE, TIMER (4)
14 EVADNE, JOINT, STRAP (5)
15 COUNTRY, INDIES, WILD (4)
18 FORCE, LICENCE, SEAT (7)
20 DANCE, ENQUIRY, OPERATION (7)
22 BRANCH, DELIVERY, EFFECTS (7)
24 CHRISTMAS, CREAM, FIRE (7)
26 BIRDS, EGG, LOVE (4)
28 CHRISTMAS, FAMILIES, HOUR (5)
29 KATE, STIRLING, STITCH (4)
33 FRENCH, SHORE, SICK (5)
34 PIPING, SEAT, TIP (3)
35 JACK, SOVIET, TRADE (5)
36 LIGHTHOUSE, WICKET, ZOO (6)
37 BEGGING, BOX, CAPITAL (6)

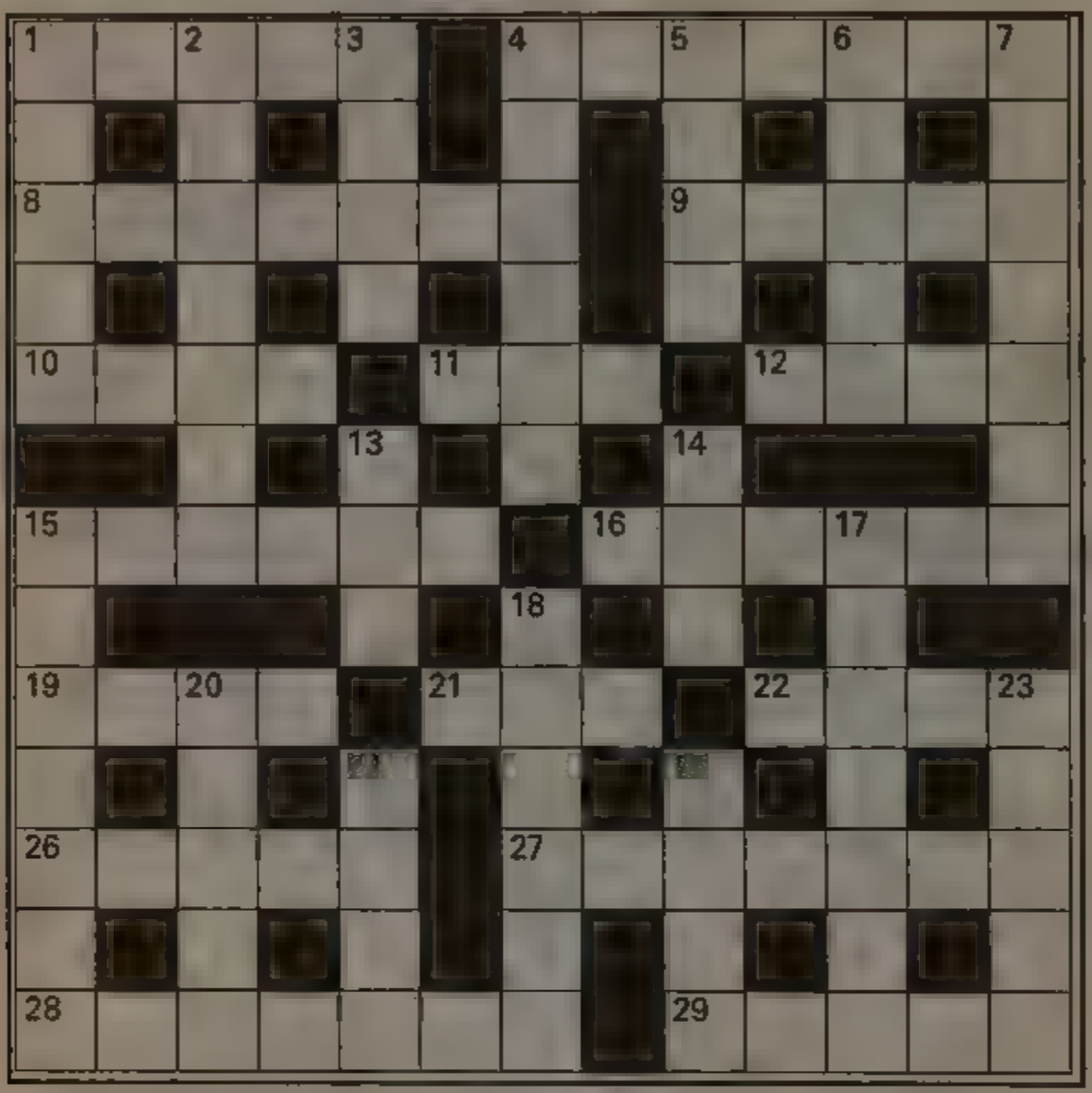
DOWN

2 DARK, ROCKING, TROJAN (5)
3 DOG, SALAD, SCHOOL (4)
4 MACHINE, POWDER, SODA (7)
5 BANK, FLOOR, STAGE (7)



6 CHRISTIAN, PEN, PROPER (4)
7 CART, COOKING, CRAB (5)
8 CHILDHOOD, COMING, SIGHT (6)
9 FOLK, MAN, TOUCH (6)
16 LEGAL, LOWER, SPEED (5)
17 NATURE, RACE, RIGHTS (5)
19 BOX, CUBE, PACK (3)
21 INDIAN, INVISIBLE, PAD (3)
22 CREAM, CURRENCY, FILE (6)
23 JACKET, NECK, PATENT (7)
24 GAINS, OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT (7)
25 DAMP, EASTER, SUN (6)
27 CHARMER, RATTLE, SKIN (5)
30 BRANCH, GREEN, OIL (5)
31 END, FREEZE, SKIN (4)
32 BIRTHDAY, FOLLOW, TRACK (4)

Puzzler



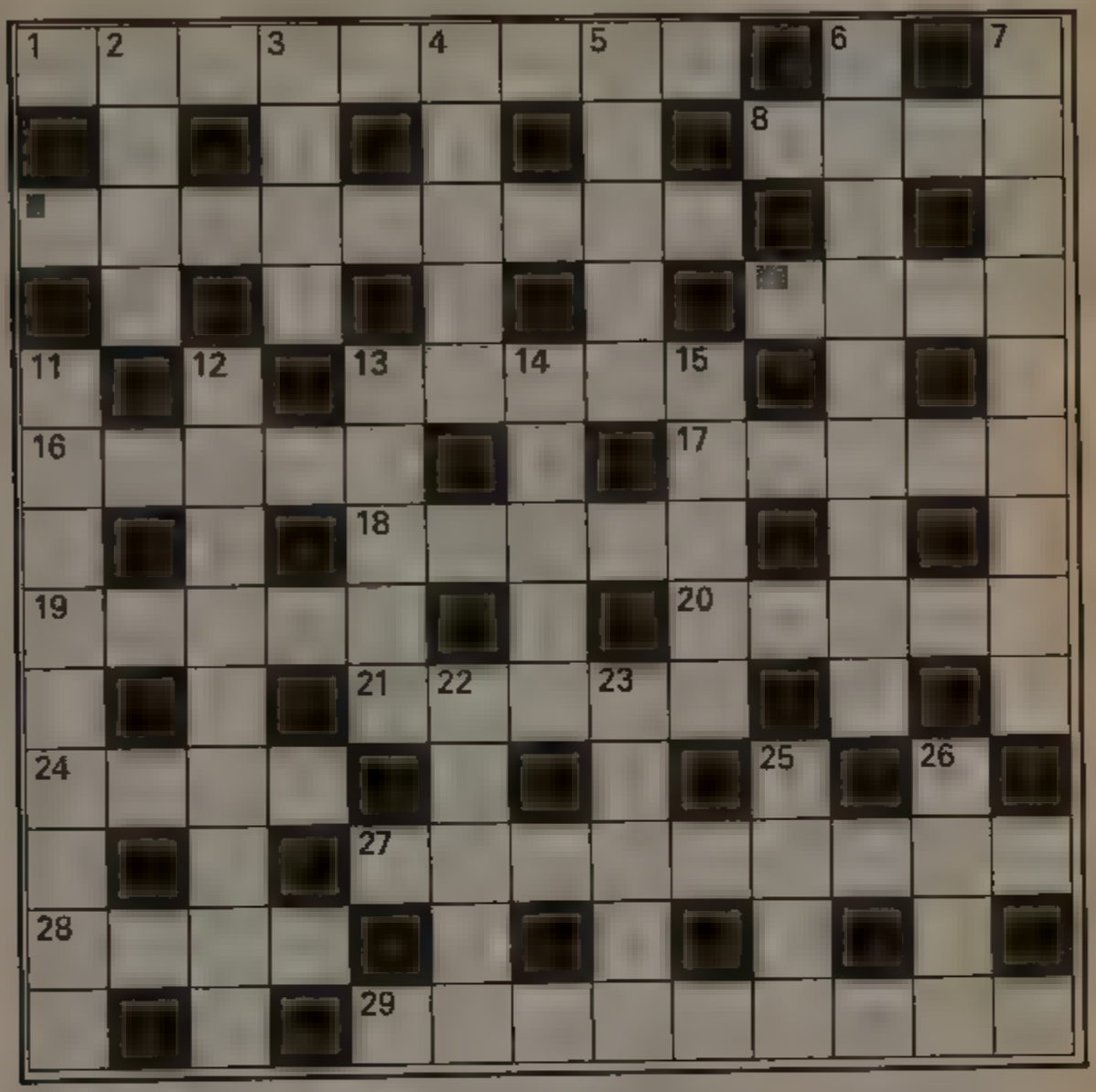
ACROSS

1 Classifies (5)
4 Condescended (7)
8 Deeds (7)
9 Subject for discussion (5)
10 Cut (4)
11 ___ *Jude*, single by The Beatles (3)
12 Makes a request (4)
15 Become rigid and inflexible (6)
16 Silver plate (6)
19 Supplements (4)
21 Young male (3)
22 Upon, on top of (4)
26 First-born (5)
27 Powdery wood shavings (7)
28 Horny plate at the end of the foot (7)
29 Verdant (5)

DOWN

1 Heavenly bodies (5)
2 Sells (7)
3 Study hard (4)
4 Rushes (6)
5 Interested in (4)
6 Wants (5)
7 Actor's wardrobe assistant (7)
13 Behind (3)
14 Bland stuff (3)
15 Gorge oneself (7)
17 Risk (7)
18 Hardened prehistoric remains (6)
20 Invest with (5)
23 Many a time (5)
24 Accompanied vocal solo (4)
25 Burglar's loot (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

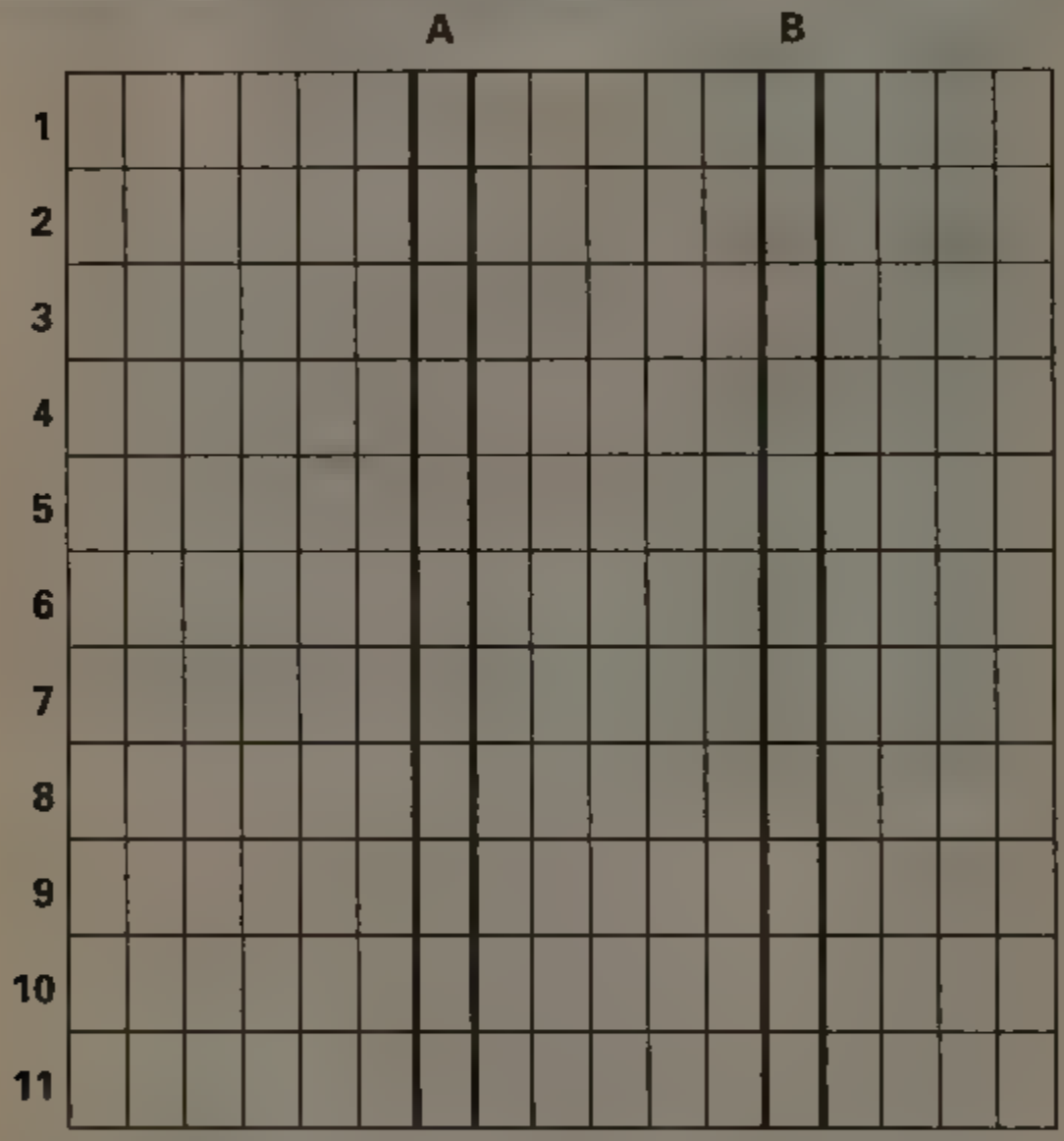
1 Obliging, yielding (9)
8 Have a meal (4)
9 Belittle (9)
10 Skin trouble associated with adolescence (4)
13 Get up (5)
16 The last life of a cat? (5)
17 Of sailors (5)
18 Bring to bear (5)
19 Large country house (5)
20 More uncommon (5)
21 Amusing song (5)
24 Mislaid (4)
27 Person dealing in money matters (9)
28 Spikes of corn (4)
29 Foolishness (9)

DOWN

2 Forewarning (4)
3 Position car and stop it (4)
4 Bring upon yourself (5)
5 Fivers or tenners? (5)
6 Something found (9)
7 Party-goers (9)
11 Whimperer (9)
12 Fenced off space (9)
13 Advanced (5)
14 Chemically unreactive (5)
15 Way in (5)
22 Buffoon (5)
23 Vagabond (5)
25 Opposite of alkali (4)
26 Mae ___, star to come up and see (4)

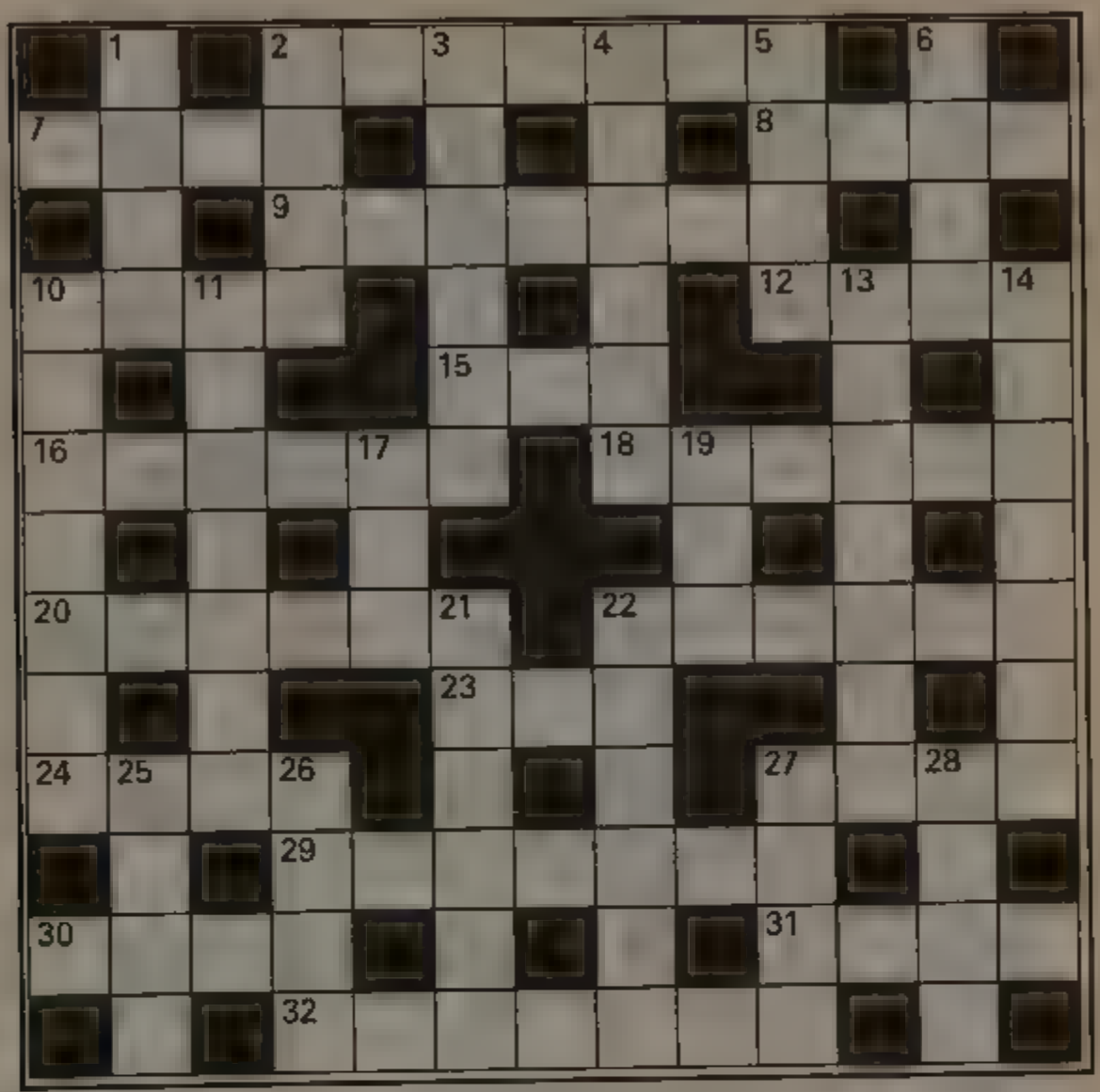
BRACER

The first part of each clue gives a six-letter answer, five of whose letters make up the five-letter answer to the second part and four of which make up the four-letter answer to the third part. The unused letter from the first answer is entered in column A, and that from the second answer is entered in column B. The two columns, when completed, spell out two musicians.



1 Human being: former Argentine dictator; USA divorce city
2 Old woodwork gloss; wall cover; short quick breath
3 Levying; huge; bell sound
4 Unblocker; tidy feathers; aristocrat
5 Placard; shop; remainder
6 Idiom; pardon; burn
7 Release on a promise; oyster gem; fruit
8 Chest pain; afresh; achievement
9 Equality; political group; snare
10 Cuddle; frighten; mark left by a wound
11 Rag; deal with; London art gallery

Puzzler



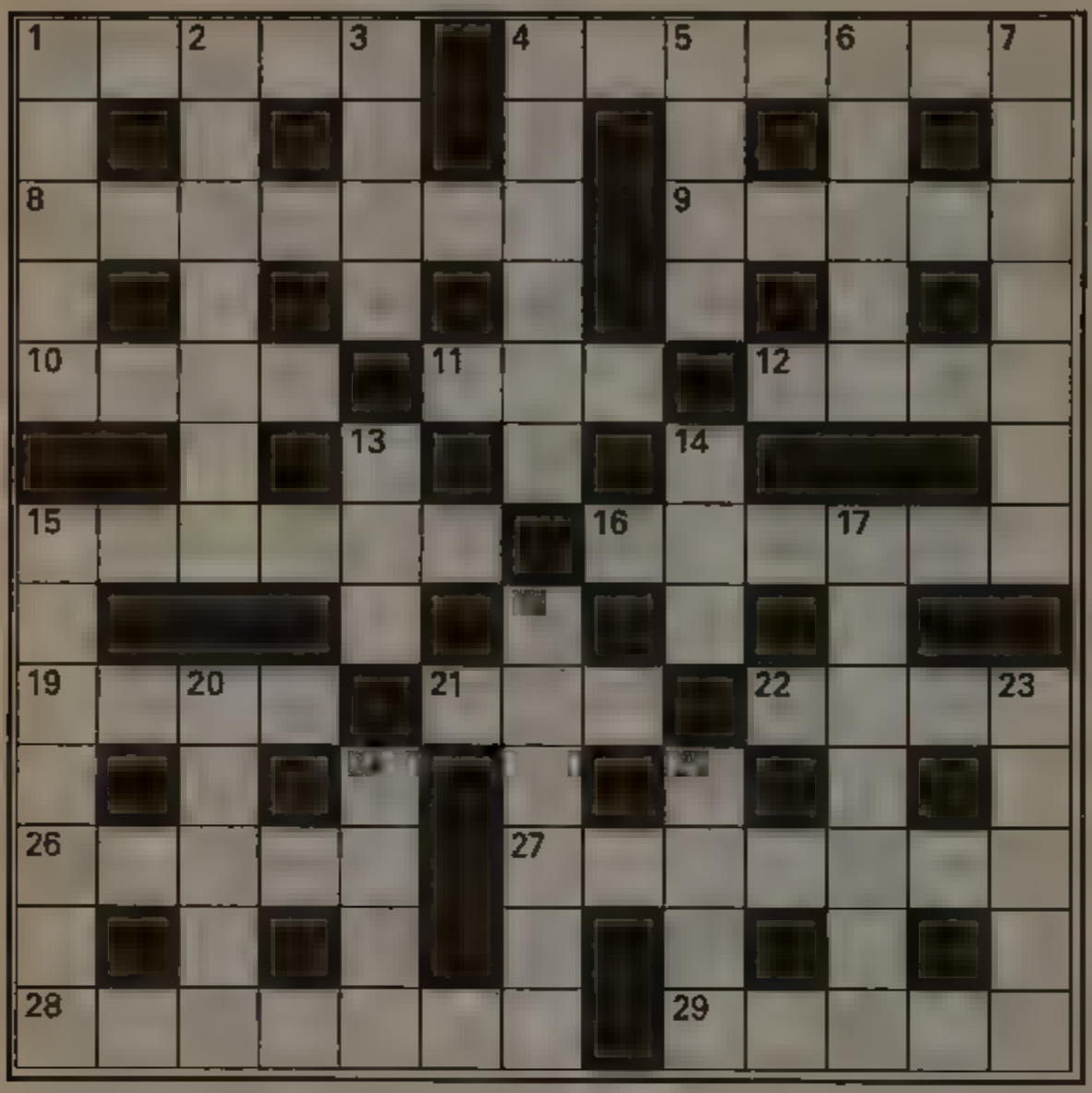
ACROSS

2 Young children (coll) (7)
7 Lowest piece in chess (4)
8 Rowlocks support them (4)
9 Interloper (7)
10 Compass point (4)
12 *The Tender* ___, Frank Sinatra film (4)
15 Part of London University (inits) (3)
16 Failing in duty (6)
18 Neglect (6)
20 Smoothed clothes (6)
22 Spanish title for a married woman (6)
23 Old-fashioned version of before (3)
24 Article of dress for the waist (4)
27 Body of land surrounded by water (4)
29 *It's Not* ___, Tom Jones hit single (7)
30 Actually existing (4)
31 Solitary (4)
32 Weepers and wailers (7)

DOWN

1 Call over a loudspeaker (4)
2 Fuse (4)
3 *The Old* ___, novel by Kingsley Amis (6)
4 To be sure (6)
5 Put into groups (4)
6 Musical piece (4)
10 Is anxious (7)
11 Call to appear in court (7)
13 Loud and harsh-sounding (7)
14 Make ready (7)
17 Book by H. Rider Haggard (3)
19 Frozen water (3)
21 Quiet and serious (6)
22 Safe (6)
25 Region (4)
26 *The Incredible* ___, comic and TV series (4)
27 Maladies (4)
28 Long and limp hair (4)

Puzzler



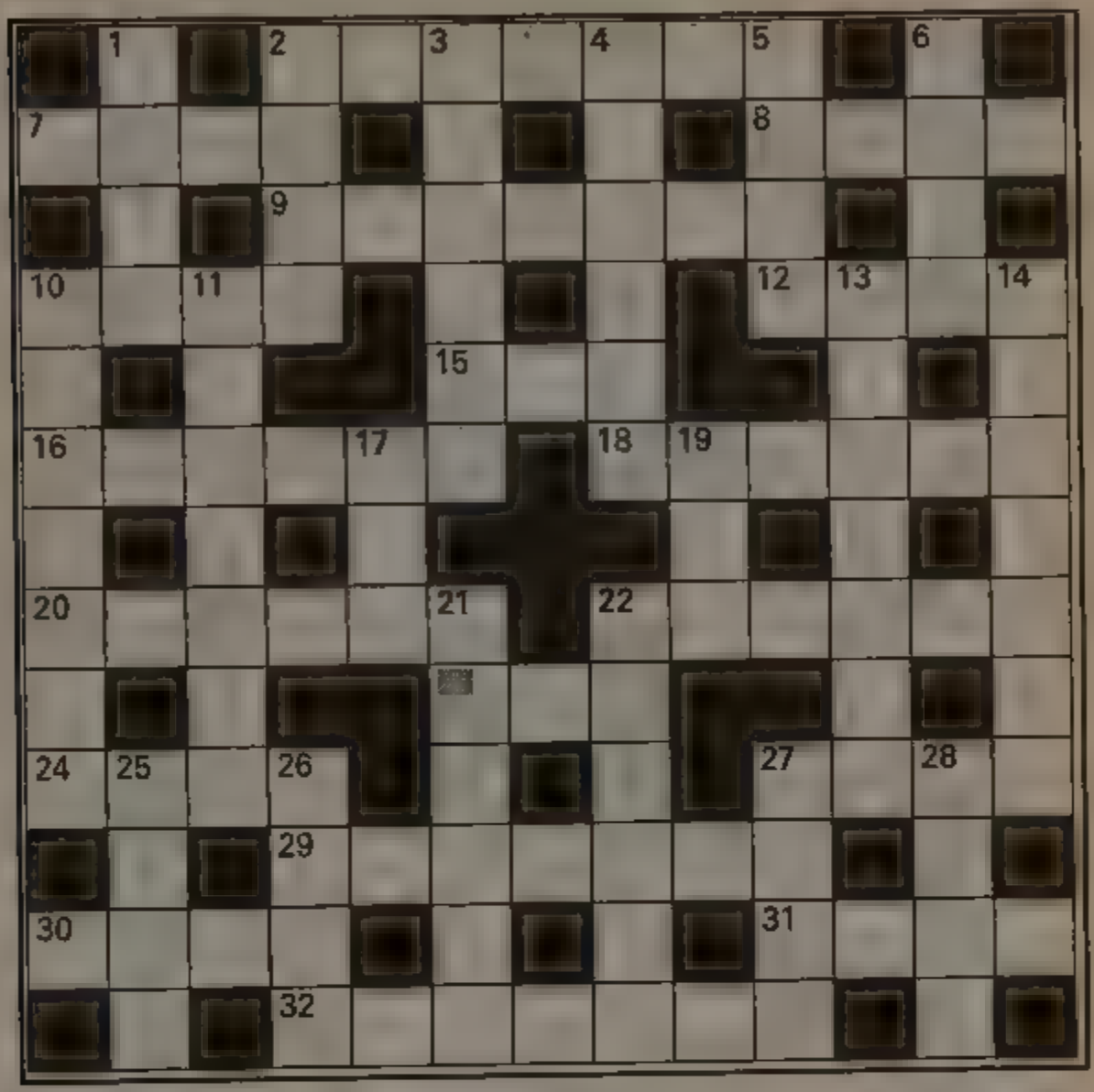
ACROSS

1 Inhabitant of the Italian capital (5)
4 Carpentry residue (7)
8 Feeblest (7)
9 Having a cupola (5)
10 Sod of grass (4)
11 African antelope (3)
12 Hotpot (4)
15 Warm up again (6)
16 Happy-go-lucky (6)
19 Male deer (4)
21 Old-fashioned 'your' (3)
22 Make airtight (4)
26 Civil disturbances (5)
27 Board-riders over high waves (7)
28 Withstands (7)
29 Put off (5)

DOWN

1 Plant again (5)
2 Royal ruler (7)
3 Votes against (4)
4 Locating (6)
5 Marries (4)
6 Not paid (5)
7 Estuary channel (7)
13 Young boy (3)
14 Timid (3)
15 Book in advance (7)
17 Himalayan mountain (7)
18 Academic papers (6)
20 Audibly (5)
23 Intense beam of light (5)
24 Consumer (4)
25 Network (4)

Puzzler



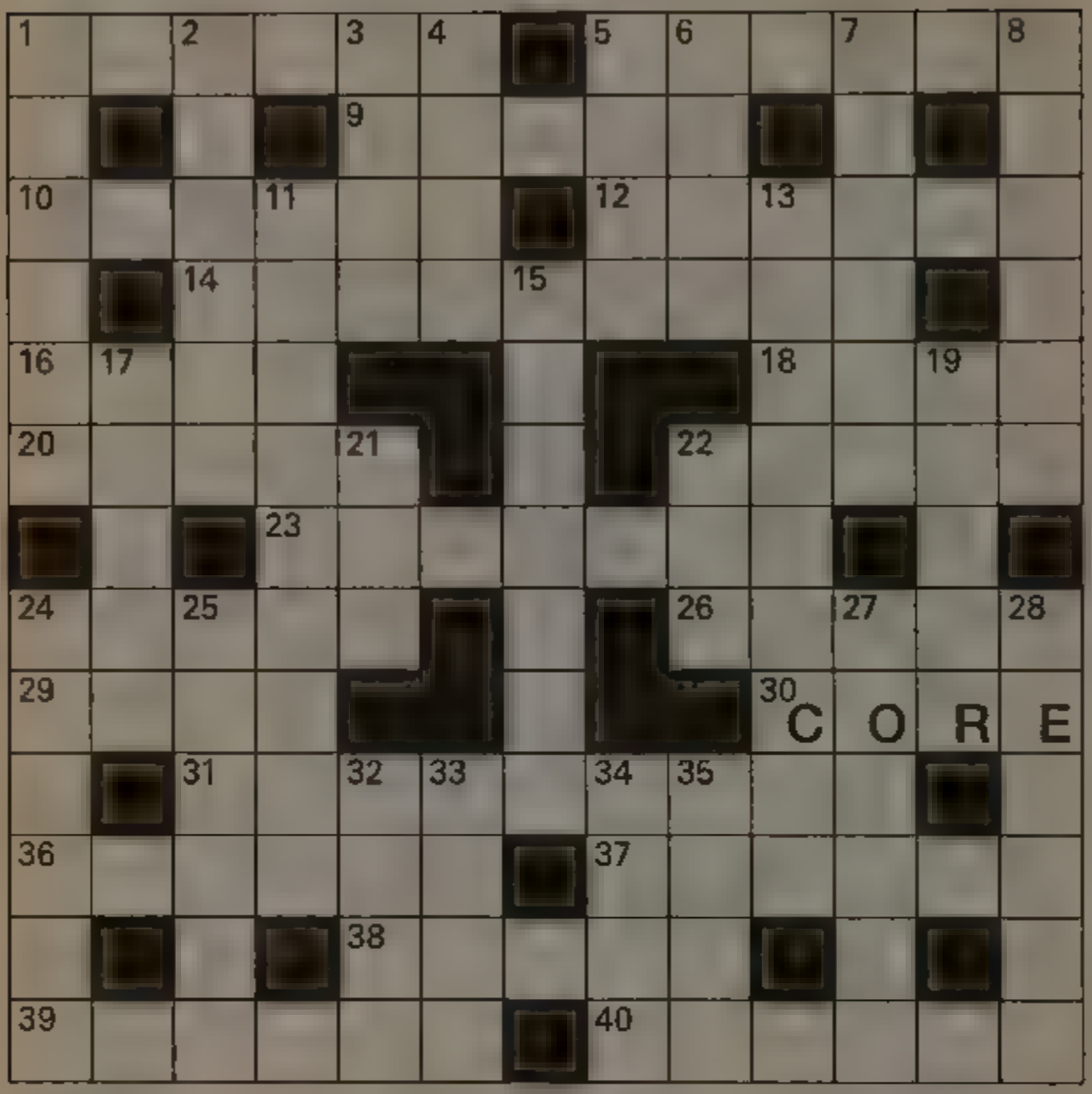
ACROSS

2 Packed together (7)
7 Abhor (4)
8 Gadget for decorating cakes (4)
9 Elbowing (7)
10 Variety of poker (4)
12 Propel oneself in water (4)
15 Afterwards (3)
16 Inherent (6)
18 Neck warmers (6)
20 Rents (6)
22 Thin plate (6)
23 One's conciousness (3)
24 Movement of the sea (4)
27 Summons (4)
29 Return fixture (7)
30 Row (4)
31 Days preceding festivals (4)
32 Most sorrowful (7)

DOWN

1 Portion or component (4)
2 Post, mail (4)
3 Make rosy (6)
4 Buffoons (6)
5 Uses a spade (4)
6 Half-attached house (abbrev) (4)
10 Long-handled pan (7)
11 Reproach (7)
13 More eloquent (7)
14 Given an unsuitable part in a play (7)
17 Lament (3)
19 Tea (3)
21 Appeared (6)
22 Detest (6)
25 Coloured part of the eye (4)
26 Strays (4)
27 Sharpen (4)
28 Wild mountain goat (4)

Dilemma



ACROSS

1 Character from a Mozart opera
5 Wrecker
9 Made of oatmeal
10 Horses shelter
12 Old instrument of punishment
14 Mind-reading
16 Cain's brother
18 Place
20 King with the golden touch
22 Pretty
23 London football club
24 At that point
26 Relating to the moon
29 Dame ____ Lynn, wartime singer
30 Centre
31 Bannisters
36 Bestow a new title
37 Begs
38 Torment
39 Accompany
40 Specialist

DOWN

1 Portray
5 Seasonings
9 Snow house
10 South African antelope
12 Ten years
14 Province of the Roman Empire
16 Among
18 Street
20 Cowboy's rope
22 Ben ____, comedian
23 Squad of soldiers
24 Nimble
26 Bathroom fitting
29 Repetitive learning
30 Strong wind
31 During the hours of darkness
36 Seller
37 Gossip
38 Land surrounded by water
39 Footman
40 Metric lengths

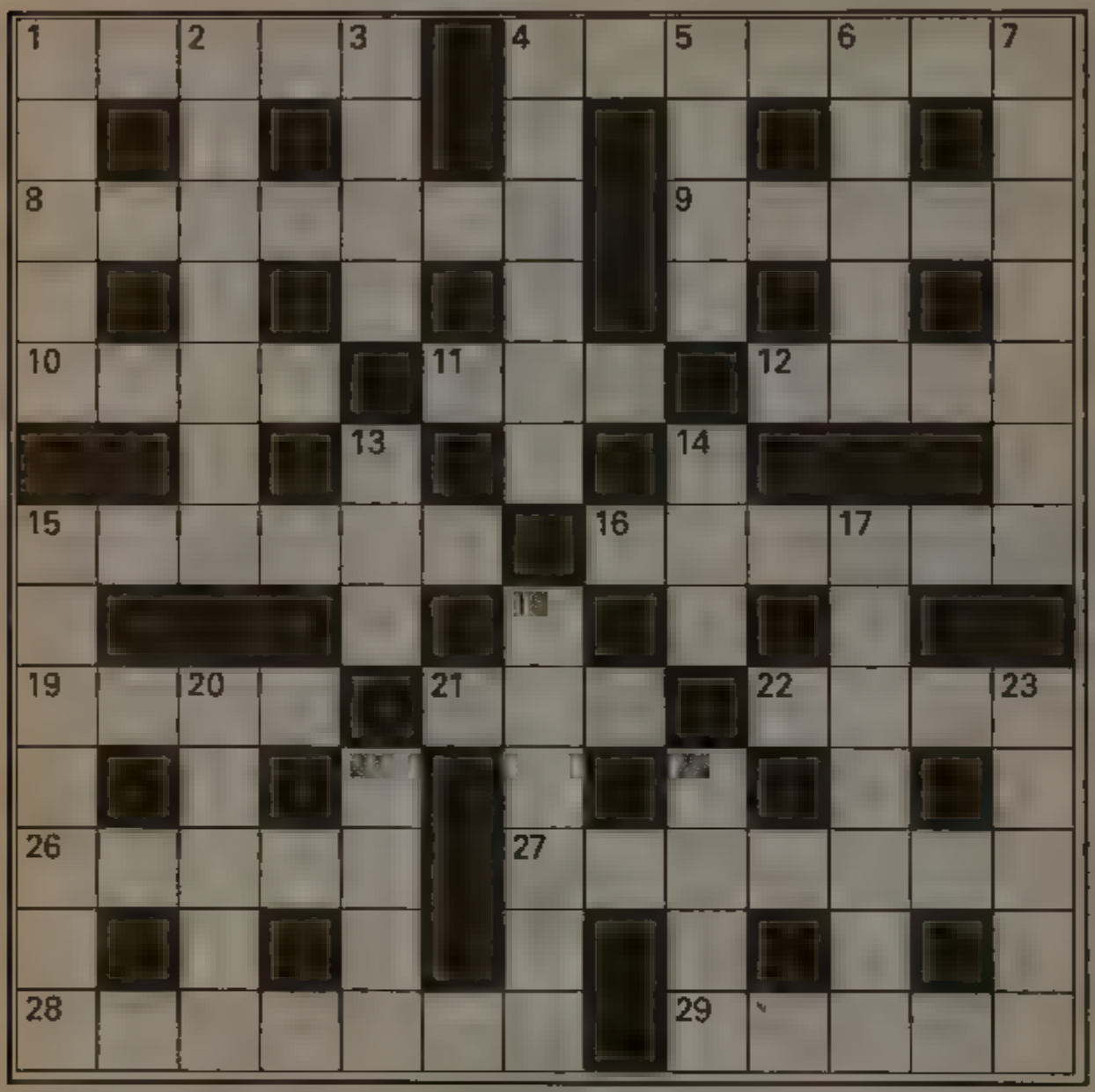
TWO STRAIGHT CROSSWORDS – BUT THEIR CLUES HAVE BEEN MIXED UP. You have to decide which clue belongs to which pattern, but two words have been entered to give you a start.

DOWN

1 Northern city
2 Free
3 Cold
4 S-shaped curve
5 Fizzy drink
6 Opposed to
7 Colouring pencil
8 Diminish
11 Knitted hat
13 History
15 Marine creature (3-4)
17 Bout of overeating
19 Rage
21 Bullfighter's cry
22 Snakelike fish
24 Reluctant
25 Sarcastic
27 Correct quantity of medicine
28 Alcove
32 Musical symbol
33 Remainder
34 Object
35 Holly

1 Relating to the Treasury
2 Had a quick look
3 Brook
4 Steal
5 Undergarment
6 Versifier
7 Fraud
8 Fast
11 Coverlet
13 Attack
15 Large cat
17 Aggressively male
19 Sum
21 That woman
22 Curtsy
24 Make a journey
25 Pertaining to a racial group
27 Chatter
28 Collection of crockery (3-3)
32 North African chieftain
33 Squirrel's nest
34 Part of a church
35 Garden entrance

Puzzler



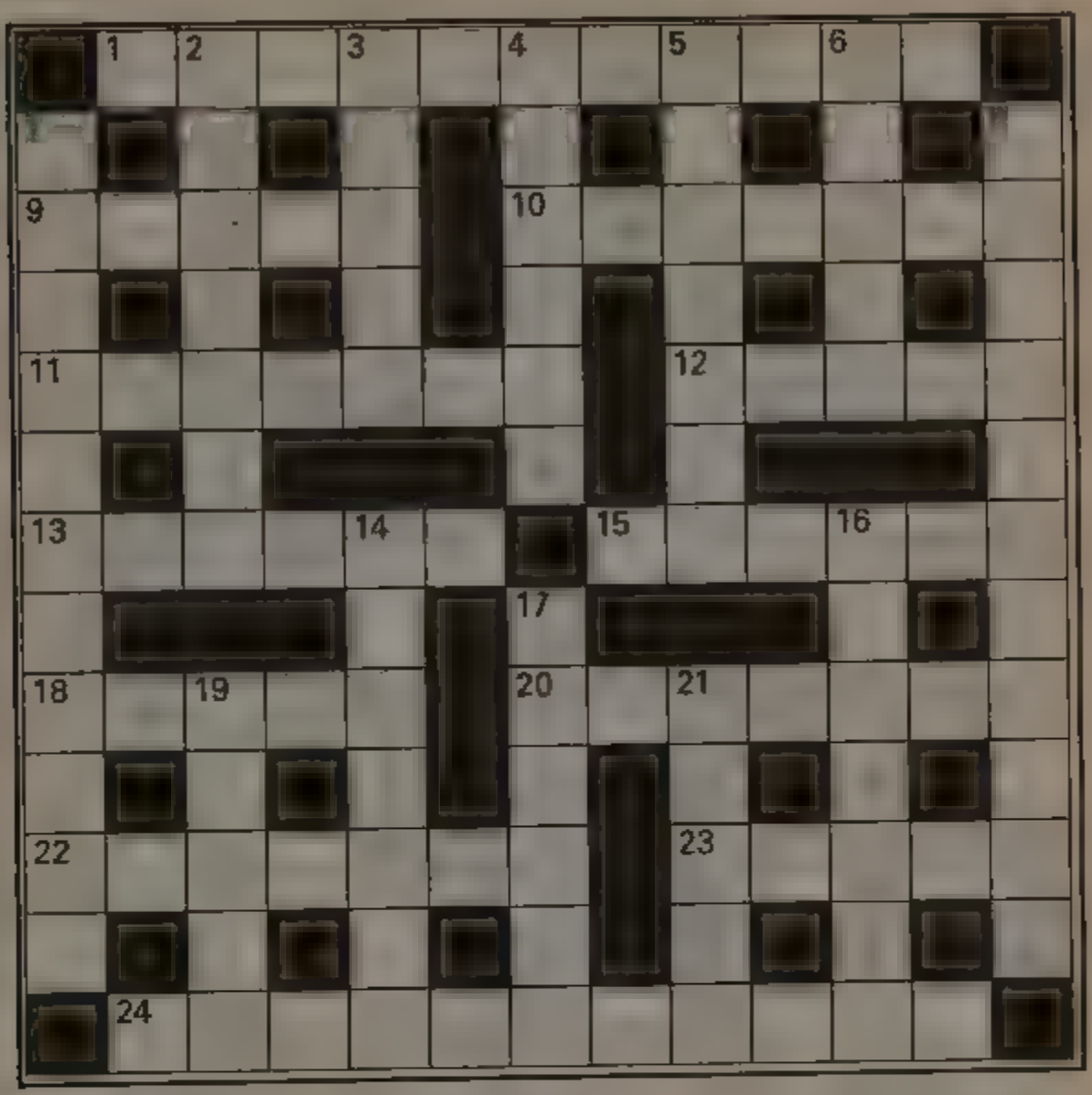
ACROSS

1 Shovel (5)
4 Workers at looms (7)
8 Driving force (7)
9 Made a choice (5)
10 Crowning glory? (4)
11 Beseech (3)
12 Group of friendly countries (4)
15 Additional runs at cricket (6)
16 Performer of ballet (6)
19 Drinking-vessels (4)
21 East Anglian flat land (3)
22 Studied (4)
26 Togetherness (5)
27 Urges on (7)
28 Catch in a trap (7)
29 Unclothed figures (5)

DOWN

1 Metal worker (5)
2 Put into a job (7)
3 Devours (4)
4 Bathed (6)
5 Pledge (4)
6 Acclaim (5)
7 Corrupter (7)
13 Bit of old cloth (3)
14 Nasty (3)
15 Make exempt (7)
17 Originated (7)
18 Re-examine and alter (6)
20 Couples (5)
23 Measures of medicine (5)
24 Talking bird (4)
25 Study intently (4)

Puzzler



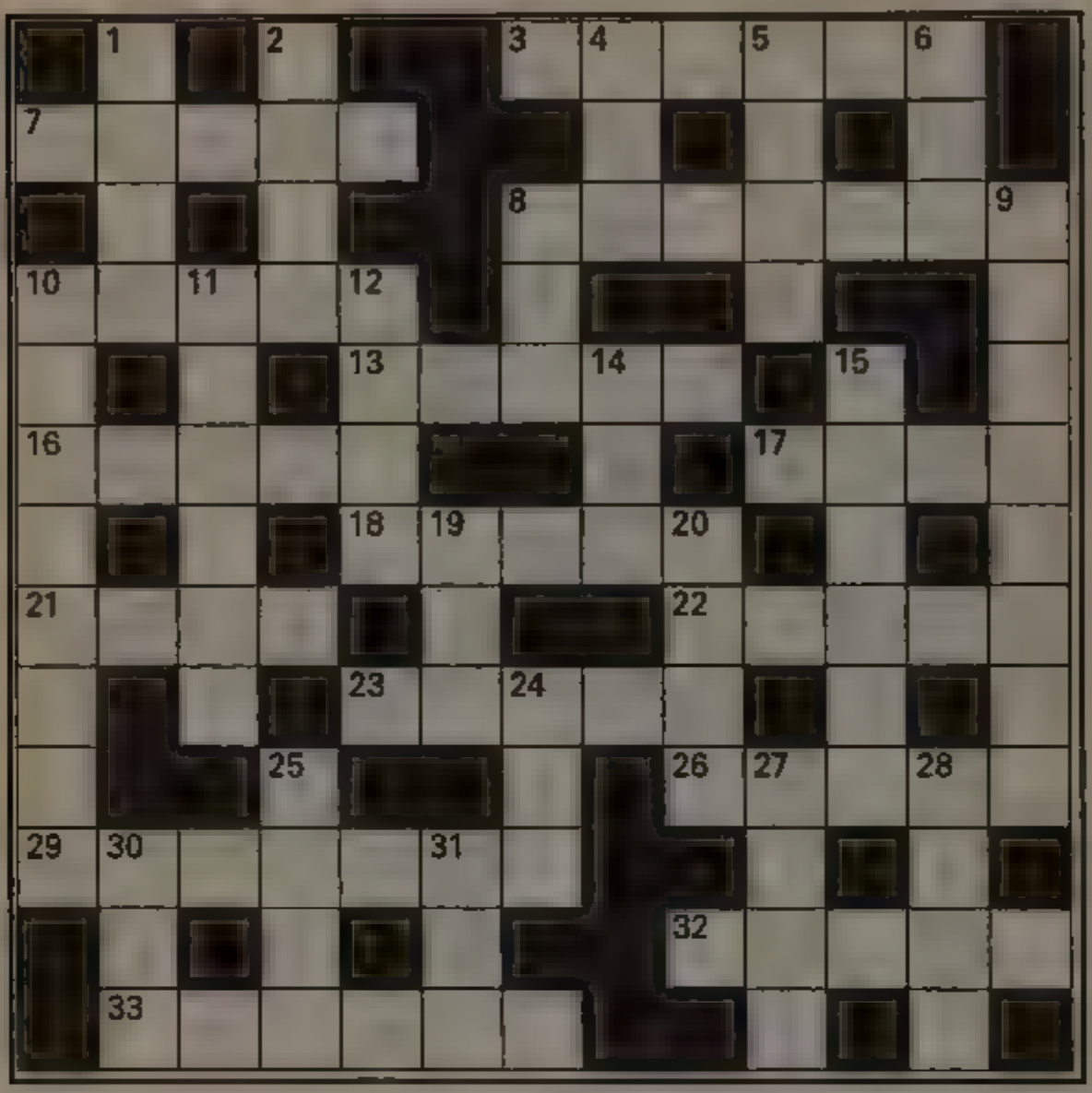
ACROSS

1 Part of the timpani section (11)
9 Fixed amount of time (5)
10 Lacking the virtues of kindness and pity (7)
11 Witty remark (7)
12 Lighting fires illegally (5)
13 Prudently (6)
15 Favourable regard (6)
18 Anything remaining (5)
20 Picture (7)
22 Ancient warship with three banks of oars (7)
23 Slow garden pest (5)
24 Famous individual or celebrity (11)

DOWN

2 Supervising publication (7)
3 Private teacher (5)
4 Puzzle, riddle (6)
5 Warms up again (7)
6 Reminders (5)
7 Evaluations (11)
8 Without votes against (11)
14 Makes rise (7)
16 Chic (7)
17 Scattered (6)
19 String made from twisted hemp fibres (5)
21 Herb or a boy's name (5)

Puzzler



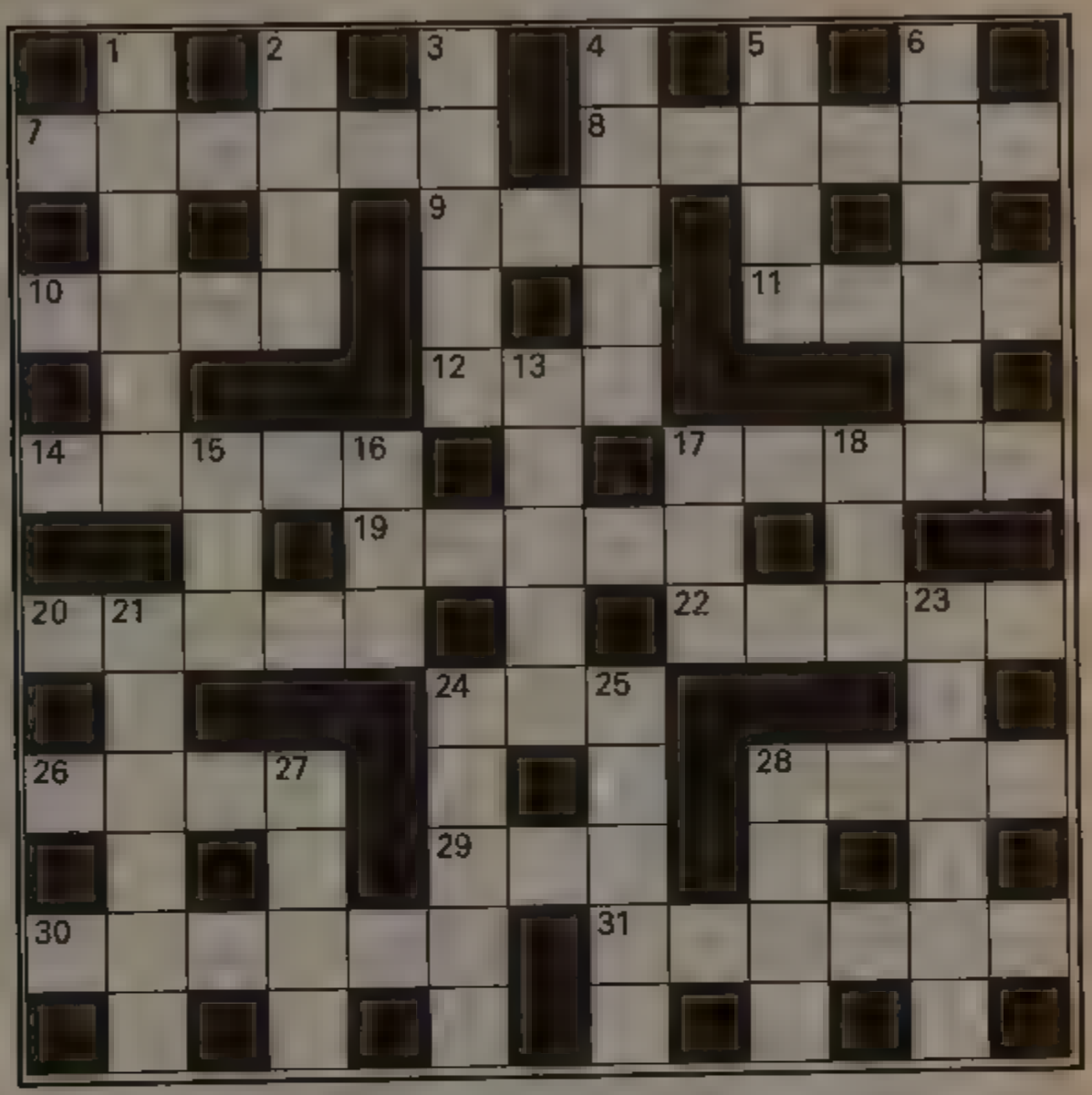
ACROSS

3 Basket weaving (6)
7 Scraped with a garden tool (5)
8 Doing up trousers (7)
10 Type of poem (5)
13 External (5)
16 Backs of necks (5)
17 *Vanity* ___, novel (4)
18 Frames of ships (5)
21 Beget (4)
22 Contribution (5)
23 Beast's nose (5)
26 Sudden rush (5)
29 Symbol of quantity (7)
32 Room in the roof (5)
33 Modes of perception (6)

DOWN

1 Crazy (4)
2 House joined to another (abbrev) (4)
4 Travel by snow (3)
5 Catch sight of (4)
6 Japanese money (3)
8 Spot (coll) (3)
9 Apparatus used for strangulation (8)
10 Assistant referee at football and tennis (8)
11 Give an account of (6)
12 Truncheon (4)
14 Slippery as an ___ (3)
15 Overindulge a person with luxury (6)
19 Vase for ashes of the dead (3)
20 Uses a chair (4)
24 Lubricating fluid (3)
25 Stitched (4)
27 Archaic form of 'to' (4)
28 Ready with words, insincere (4)
30 ___ and downs, life's uncertainties (3)
31 Playing card (3)

Puzzler



ACROSS

7 Shouted (6)
8 Guarantee (6)
9 Behind (3)
10 Horrible monster (4)
11 Hit with an open hand (4)
12 Phone (abbrev) (3)
14 Cogs (5)
17 Chopping (5)
19 Curses (5)
20 Essential (5)
22 Lumps (5)
24 ___ ___mode, fashionable (1, 2)
26 Leaf of a book (4)
28 Mint currency (4)
29 Fish (3)
30 Venomous snakes (6)
31 Zero (6)

DOWN

1 Barter (6)
2 Type of gin (4)
3 Change to suit (5)
4 Lead or iron, for instance (5)
5 Enquires (4)
6 Admit to holy orders (6)
13 Praise enthusiastically (5)
15 Painting and sculpture, for example (3)
16 The sun (3)
17 Burnt residue (3)
18 Small hotel or a pub (3)
21 Sloping type of writing (6)
23 Nobleman addressed as 'Sir' (6)
24 Wrong (5)
25 Correct (5)
27 Used frugally (4)
28 Private association (4)

Continuity

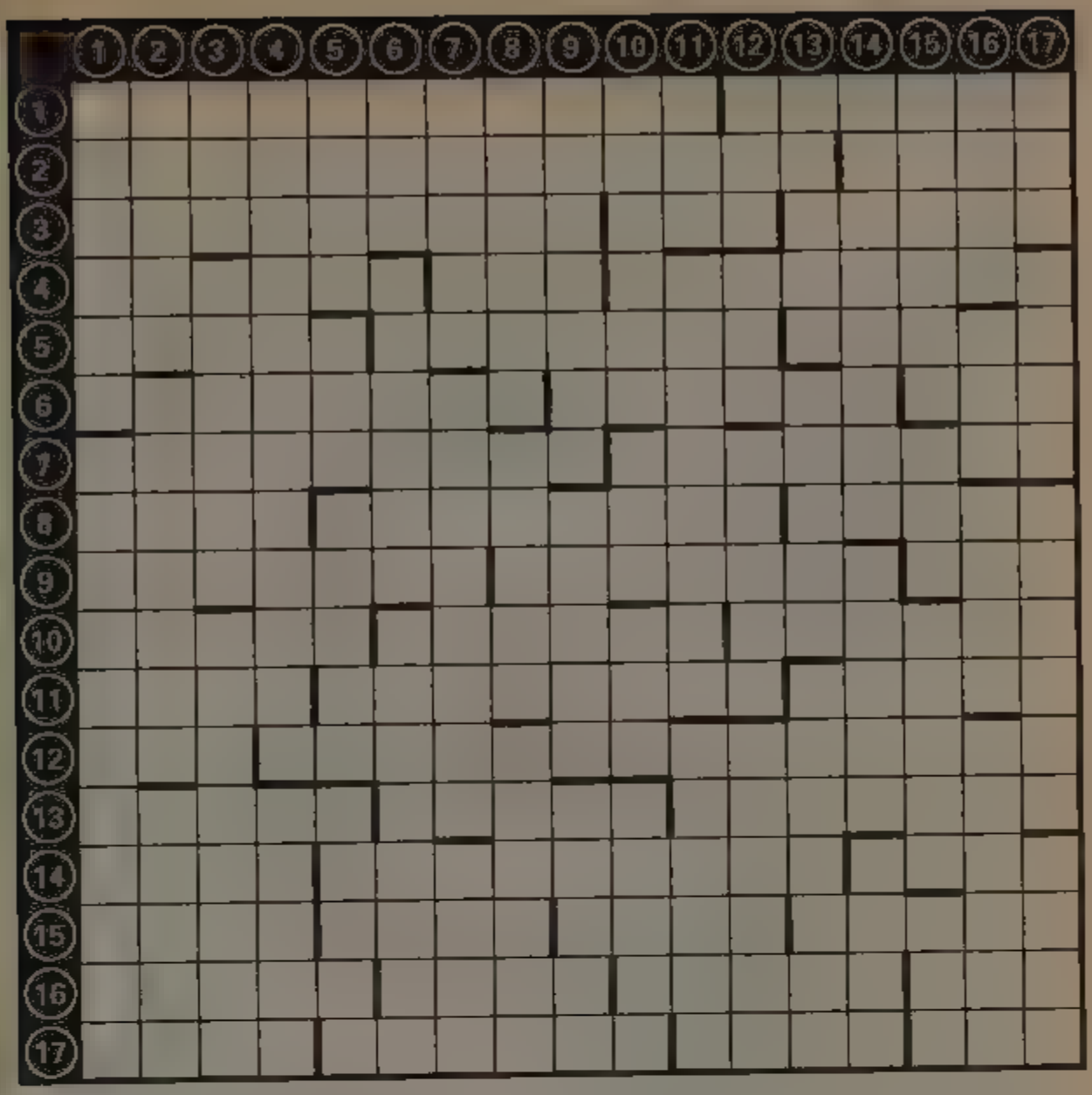
No black squares – heavy bars mark the ends of words.

ACROSS

1 Severely virtuous (6-5); ten years
2 Of the owner; woodwind instrument
3 Gun dog; male; register
4 Sign on; listener; united (2, 6)
5 Grown-up; poison; detect
6 Annul a partnership; mid-point; owing
7 In heraldry, sinister (2, 3, 4); disproved
8 Ballpoint pen inventor; renew; dog-lead
9 Meeting's supervisor; in bed; podded vegetable
10 Lubricated; withdraw from a party; wears away
11 Den; concern, curiosity; search
12 Stately tree; speculative shares venture of 1720 (5, 3, 6)
13 Stalks; miss a chance; England, Wales and Scotland
14 Apple's middle; inherent; ship's staff
15 Prepare for publication; legal wrong; require; Australian marsupial
16 Mother-of-pearl; bargain-time; wrath; ship's diary
17 Rascal; rely on; seabird; female sheep

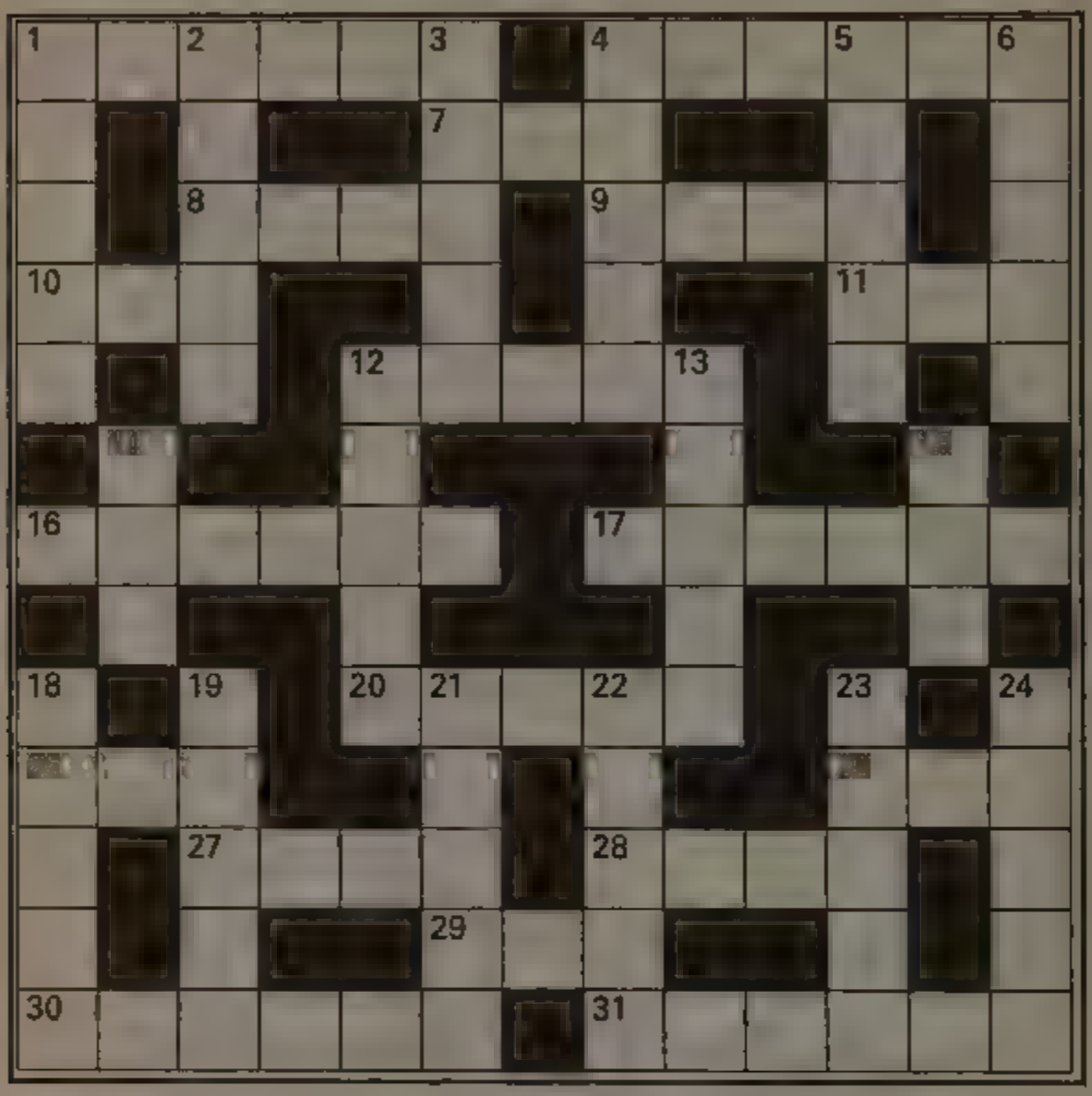
DOWN

1 Extend; going out of use
2 General movement; first letter of a name; nowadays
3 Decay; sheen; comic five-lined poem
4 Spring rain (5, 7); 39.3 inches
5 Part of the eye; foot digit; wireless; positioned
6 Neckwear; higher; 'turned-up' facial feature (4, 4)
7 Handle; blood-feud; snare
8 Army command (2-4); coerce; move rapidly
9 Right; deviates suddenly; tablecloth fabric
10 Judge's white fur; rodent; Royal Scottish river; work dough
11 Perish; last decade; not in attendance



12 Judo grade; perform on stage; flat French hat; card game
13 Choose by vote; monarch; faster
14 Specific, definite; uncertainty; grain
15 Overseas; faucet; preclude; beer
16 Room entrance; billiards stick; observes; remain discreet about intentions (3, 3)
17 Electric fish; valiant action; hurry; carry on a war

Puzzler



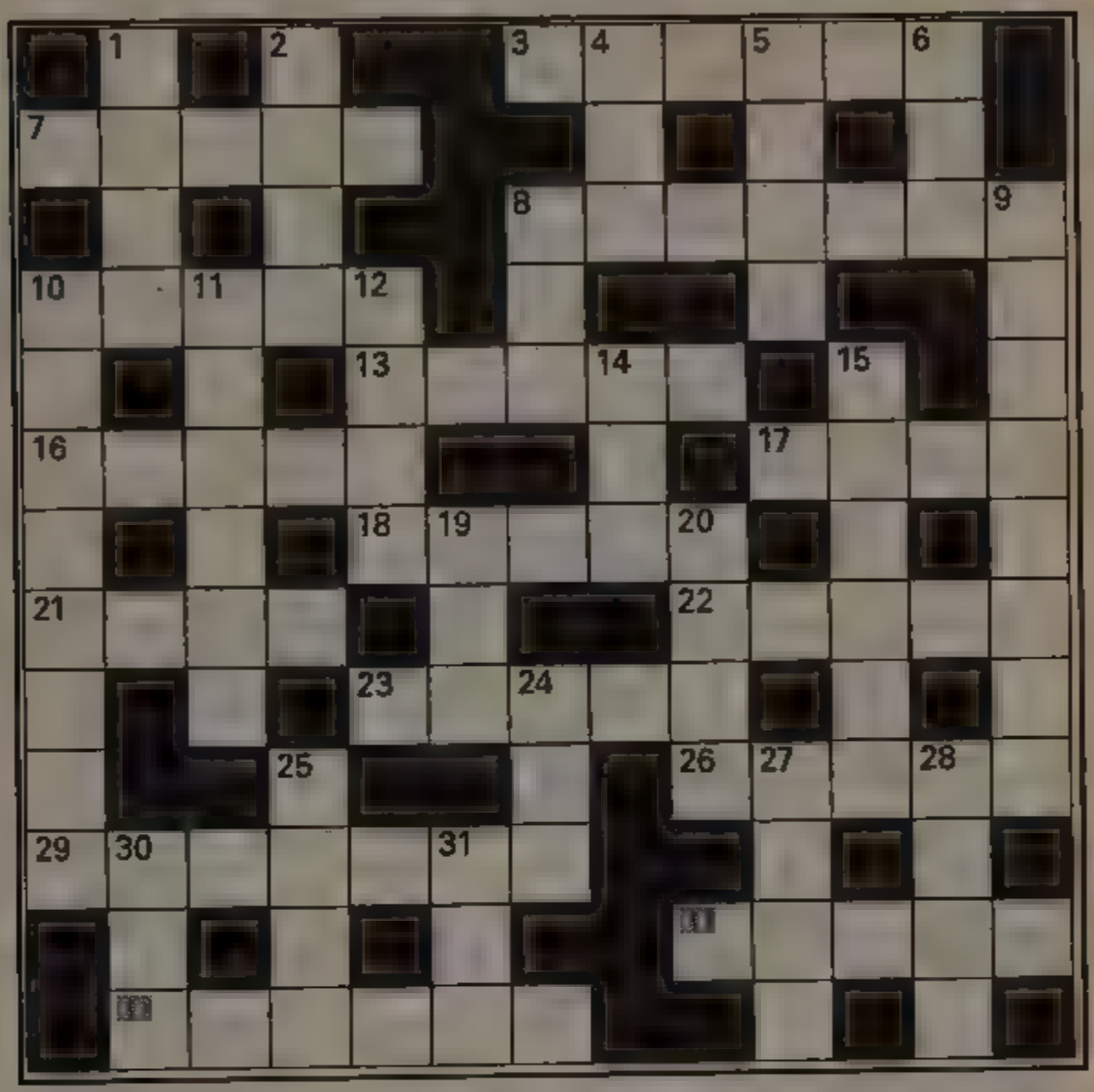
ACROSS

1 Separate (6)
4 Dark red to purplish-red colour (6)
7 End of the foot (3)
8 Shove (4)
9 Distribute cards (4)
10 Scottish 'no' (3)
11 Afterwards (3)
12 Short amount of time (5)
16 Shady place among trees (6)
17 In a uniform way (6)
20 Gaffe (5)
25 Rounded vase (3)
26 Of a high temperature (3)
27 Confidence trick (coll) (4)
28 Cur (4)
29 Sheep (3)
30 Painting applied to wet plaster (6)
31 Avoided (6)

DOWN

1 Performing (5)
2 Adder (5)
3 Upper air (5)
4 Physician (abbrev) (5)
5 Stared lecherously (5)
6 Opposite of south (5)
12 Brief cessation of hostilities (5)
13 Young of the eel (5)
14 Lever open (3)
15 Sprite (3)
18 Drink deeply (5)
19 Come after (5)
21 Ladies' man (5)
22 Chose (5)
23 Restrain (5)
24 Sober in temperament (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

3 Order of business (6)
7 Grasps (5)
8 Game played by Stephen Hendry (7)
10 Significant point in time (5)
13 Vegetable bulb (5)
16 Trunk of the body (5)
17 Greek goddess (4)
18 Dealt out (5)
21 Feature of church architecture (4)
22 Cricketing trophy (5)
23 Return money (5)
26 Seasons (5)
29 Frees oneself from (7)
32 Aquatic animal (5)
33 Stockings (6)

DOWN

1 Piece of stage equipment (4)
2 Long film or novel (4)
4 Firearm (3)
5 Gas used to illuminate signs (4)
6 Alcoholic drink (3)
8 Travel across snow (3)
9 Returns to a former bad state (8)
10 Enchant (8)
11 Female monster (6)
12 Robin ___, outlaw (4)
14 Poem generally addressed to somebody (3)
15 Fatal (6)
19 Single integer (3)
20 Periods of 24 hours (4)
24 Dance step (3)
25 Prove deficient under examination (4)
27 Concerning cars (4)
28 Be crowded (4)
30 Boy child (3)
31 Immeasurable time period (3)

TWO-TIMER

Two sets of clues to the same answers.

ACROSS

1 Whitish cat ponders a low design (4, 7)
9 Played a set point (4)
10 Dishonest retailer (11)
11 In the strife attempted a remarkable act (4)
14 Wise choice of an original Christmas gift (5)
17 So he went round the small enclosure (5)
18 Part of a beleaguered tree (5)
19 Notice when the tenants have gone (2, 3)
20 Note I have a franc outside (5)
21 Was the first to be (5)
22 Outsize vehicle gets an award (5)
25 Musical bird? (4)
29 Youth once scaled catastrophically top of Eiger (11)
30 He's wise but green! (4)
31 Charming lady, good at spelling! (11)

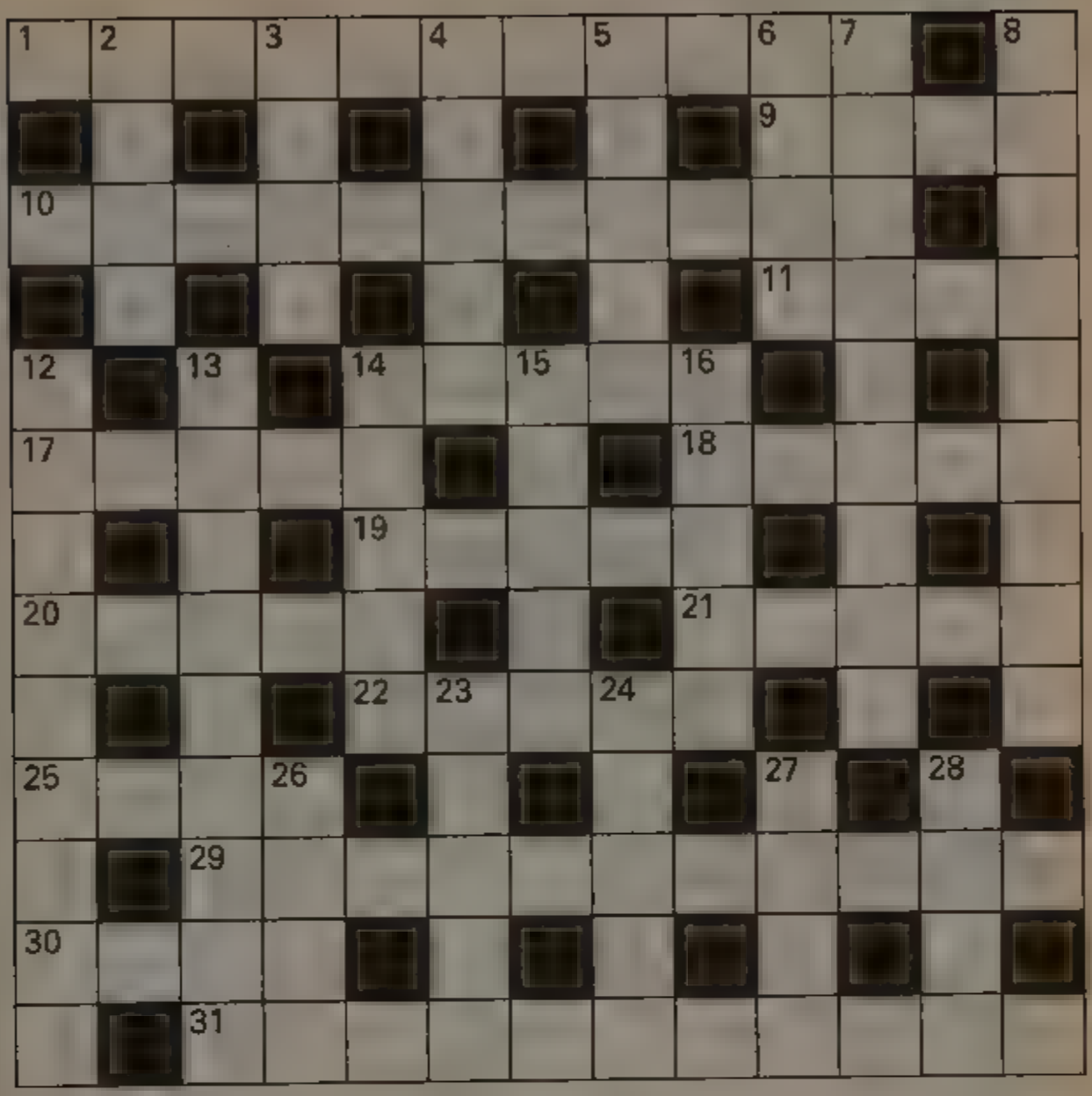
DOWN

2 Characteristic sound (4)
3 Crawler with no backbone (4)
4 Beheading guard on the way in (5)
5 Father left hesitantly with less colour (5)
6 Get free from a knot (4)
7 Courageous, having risked vile concoction (9)
8 Figure of small standing (9)
12 Without resource or expedient – or a smock (9)
13 Usually it's Vera in Genoa agitated (2, 7)
14 Half of the capital is underground (5)
15 Another cleric finishing early could have found an object of historical interest (5)
16 One who doesn't love has a troubled heart (5)
23 Airy fairy? (5)
24 Lighting-up offence (5)
26 English lair that's paradise (4)
27 We are starting to stand the test of time (4)
28 Unbeatable services (4)

STRAIGHT CLUES TO THE PUZZLE ON THE RIGHT

ACROSS

1 Ounce (4, 7)
9 Orient (4)
10 Raconteur (11)
11 Notable act (4)
14 Sweet cicely (5)
17 Therefore (5)
18 White poplar (5)
19 Offered for rent (2, 3)

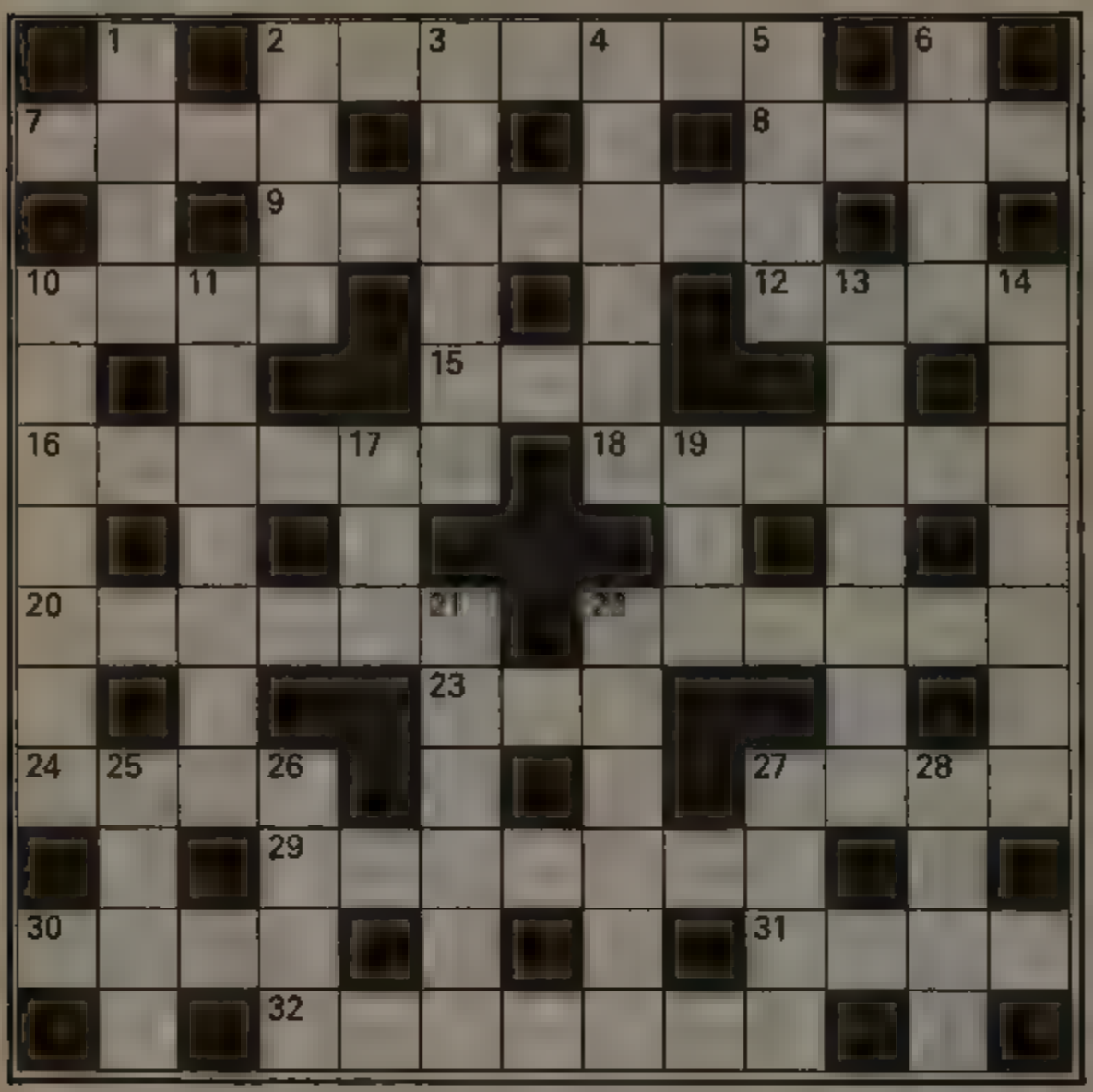


20 Monetary note (5)
21 Live (5)
22 Academy Award (5)
25 Stringed instrument (4)
29 Period between puberty and adulthood (11)
30 Wise man (4)
31 Witch (11)

DOWN

2 Memorandum (4)
3 Invertebrate (4)
4 Admission (5)
5 Fainter (5)
6 Chain of rocks (4)
7 Rash person (9)
8 Small figurine (9)
12 Inefficient (9)
13 Typically (2, 7)
14 Paris underground (5)
15 Memento (5)
16 One who dislikes intensely (5)
23 Spirit of the air (5)
24 Crime of fire-starting (5)
26 OT garden (4)
27 Carry a burden lightly (4)
28 Champions (4)

Puzzler



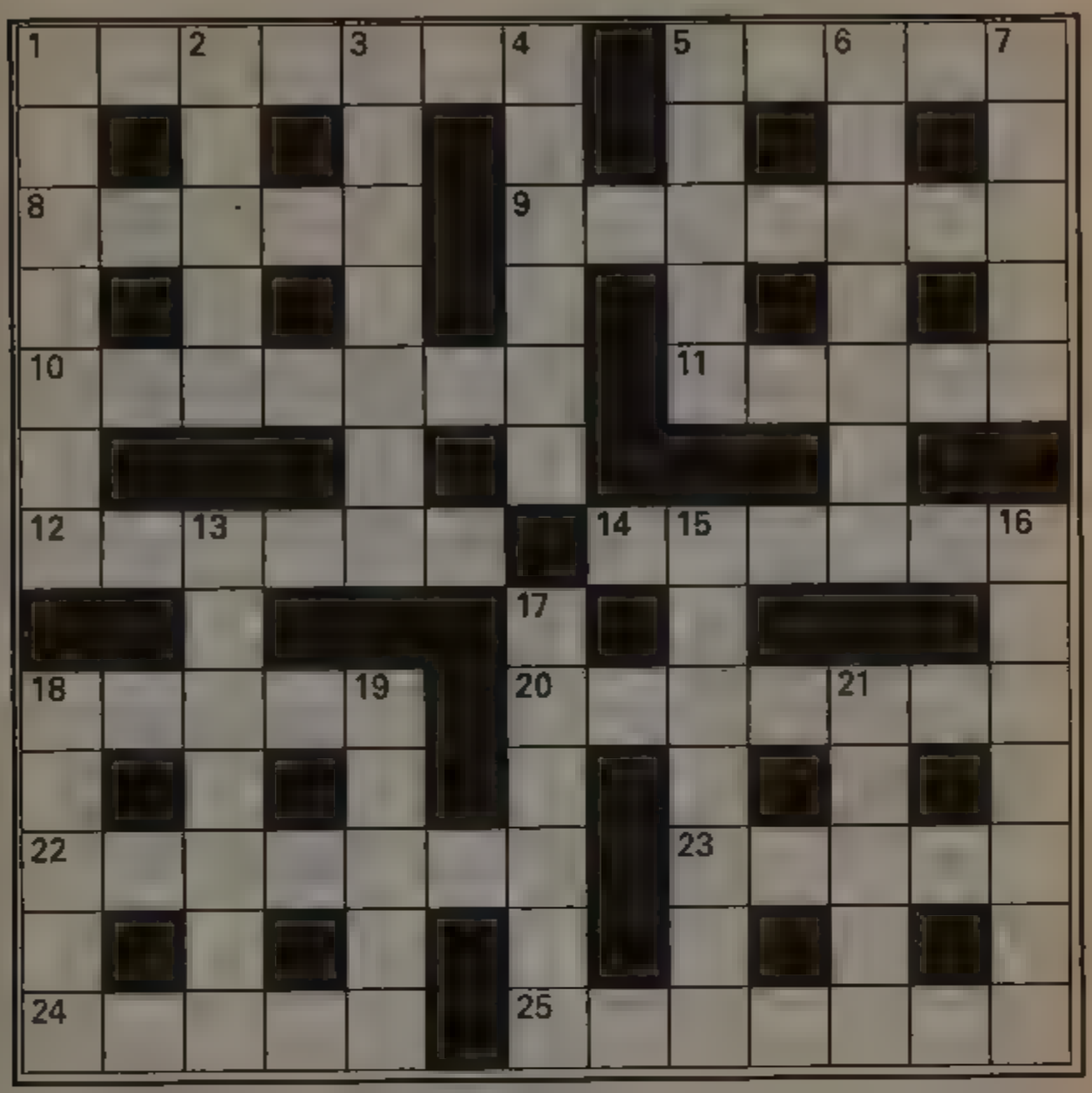
ACROSS

2 Embellished (7)
7 Tool for shifting liquid (4)
8 Gape (4)
9 Instance (7)
10 Pleads (4)
12 Duty list (4)
15 American expression of surprise (3)
16 Risk (6)
18 One trying to lose weight (6)
20 Barrack (6)
22 Tests (6)
23 Old scrap of cloth (3)
24 Scoundrels (4)
27 Verses (4)
29 Weapons store (7)
30 Plant with a feathery leaf (4)
31 Hero (4)
32 Throw away (7)

DOWN

1 Silent (4)
2 Orang-utans, chimpanzees, gorillas etc (4)
3 Citrus fruit (6)
4 Had a snooze (6)
5 One who colours cloth (4)
6 Hit smartly (4)
10 Jovial (7)
11 Looked quickly (7)
13 Exterior (7)
14 Apprehends (7)
17 Film starring Helen Mirren (3)
19 ___ and outs, the complete details (3)
21 Rubs out (6)
22 Schedule (6)
25 On the sheltered side (4)
26 Tiny rock grains (4)
27 Smelling foul (4)
28 Small island in a river (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

1 Passed out (7)
5 Name for a group of lions (5)
8 Force (5)
9 Digging implements (7)
10 Young cats (7)
11 Doomed (5)
12 Figured material (6)
14 Greek woodland gods (6)
18 Take effect (5)
20 Land masses in water (7)
22 Applicable to any member of a group (7)
23 Naughty fellow (5)
24 Invest (5)
25 Calmed by means of medicines (7)

DOWN

1 Gambolled (7)
2 Information in a computer (5)
3 Vote counters (7)
4 Discontinue (6)
5 Evidence (5)
6 Foolishly (7)
7 Relieved (5)
13 Lamented (7)
15 Beguiled (7)
16 Hang (7)
17 Grinds meat (6)
18 Old word for fireplace (5)
19 Mysterious (5)
21 It follows day (5)

Story Crossword

Transfer the words which complete the story to the grid and then put the circled letters in the right order to discover the name of the famous character therein described.

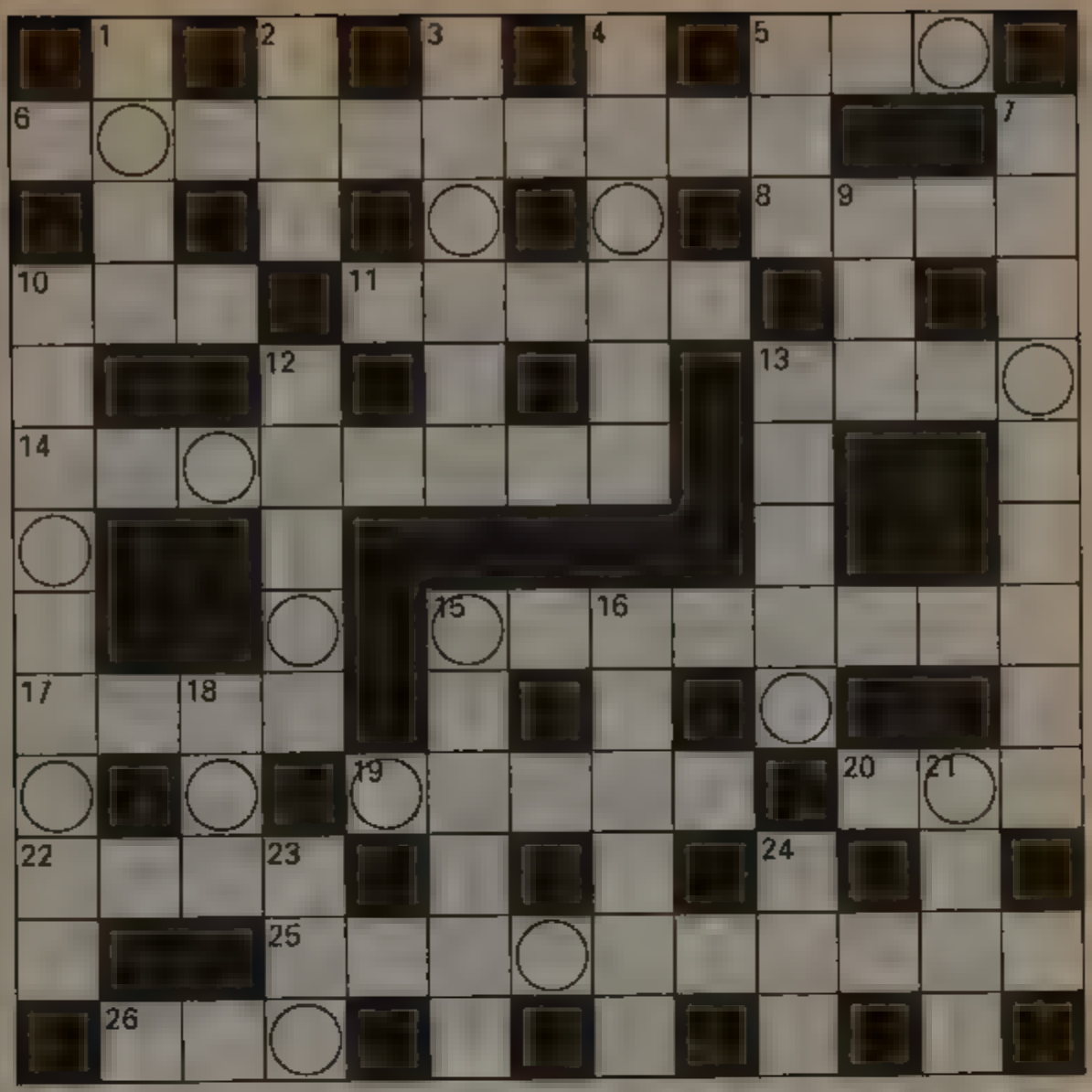
This adventurer, who introduced the potato and tobacco to England, was born in ____ (6A) in 1554. He attended Oxford University and then fought in the French religious ____ (13A). Returning to England, he studied law in London, before sailing to America in 1578 with his half brother, ____ (23D) Humphrey Gilbert.

In 1580 he came to the attention of Queen Elizabeth I after helping to suppress a ____ (10D) in Ireland. He became her favourite. She knighted him and he became a very powerful member of her court. He still ____ (20A) plans to travel though and returned to America in 1585 to set up an English colony on Roanoke ____ (3D). The colony was ____ (5A) a success and he returned home.

In 1592, he suffered an ____ (15D) change of fortune. The Queen discovered that he had secretly married a ____ (17A)-in-waiting. This was an ____ (9D) when monarchs were all powerful so, to escape her ____ (19A), he sailed to South America. He searched for El Dorado, hoping to ____ (16D) so much gold that the queen would forgive him. His efforts ____ (8A) in vain, though. The spoils from his voyage ____ (15A) to very little.

When he came back to England, the Queen allowed him to return to court but, after ____ (26A) death, in 1603, things began to go seriously ____ (13D) for him. The ____ (5D) King, James I, disliked him. He was arrested and tried for plotting against the King. He was convicted and sentenced to death. James commuted the sentence and he was ____ (25A) in the Tower of London.

There was not a ____ (2D) to occupy his time in prison so he began to write. He completed *The Last Fight Of The Revenge*, the first volume of his *History Of The World* and other works during his imprisonment. He ____ (11A) wanted

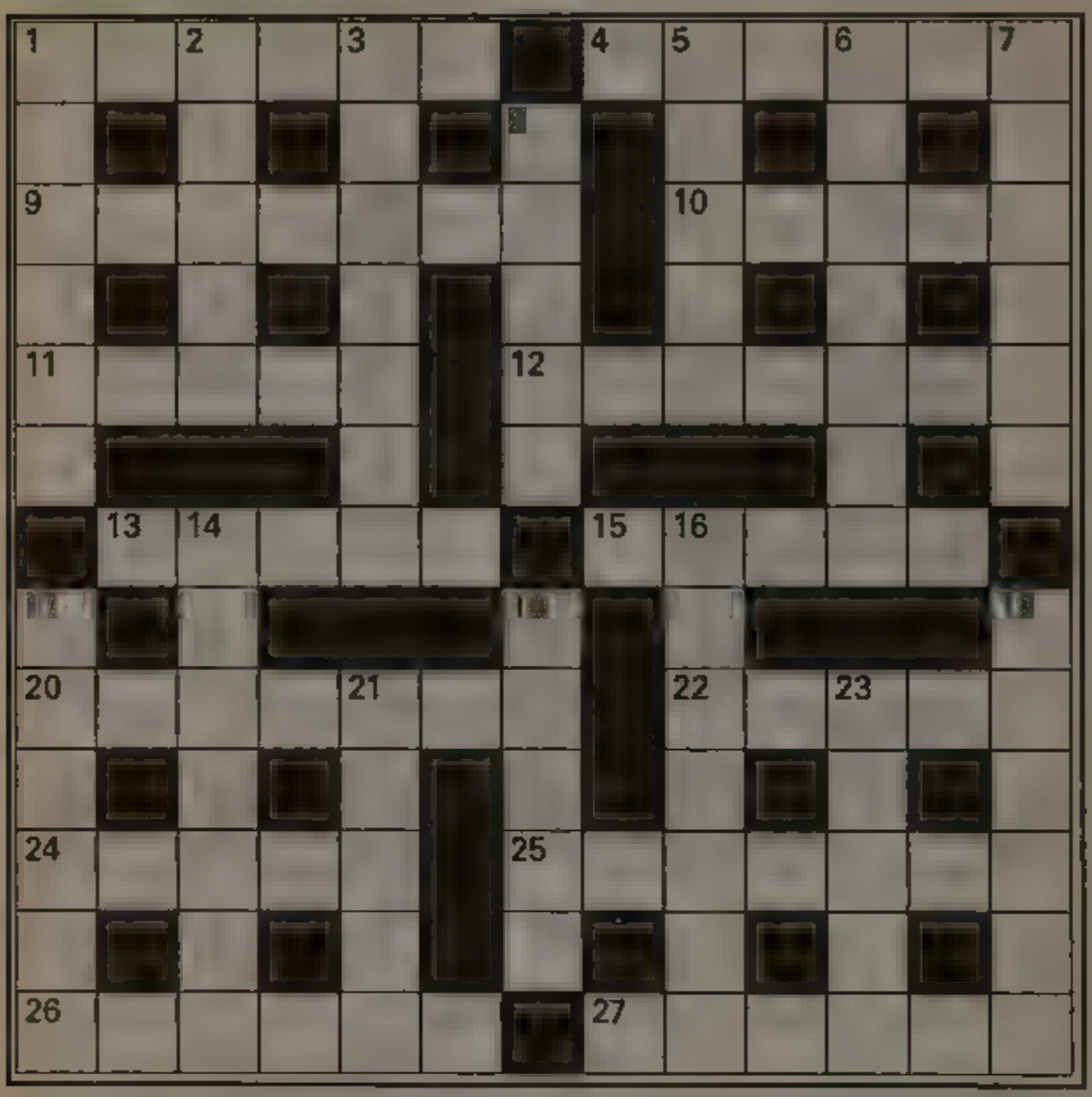


to be released, and when Prince ____ (12D), the heir to the throne, announced that he considered him a ____ (1D), he thought his freedom would shortly follow. The Prince died before he had ____ (7D) his father to let him go though.

Horrified at the thought of being left in prison to ____ (10A), he offered the King a fortune in gold if he would allow him to sail to South America and resume his search for El Dorado. The King agreed, on condition that he ____ (18D) not offend the Spanish.

He sailed in 1616 but the ____ (22A) were stacked against him succeeding. His ____ (24D) and an aide attacked a Spanish settlement. His son was ____ (4D). On his return to England, the king decided to invoke the death sentence that had been passed in 1603. He was ____ (14A) in 1618, ____ (21D) 64.

Puzzler



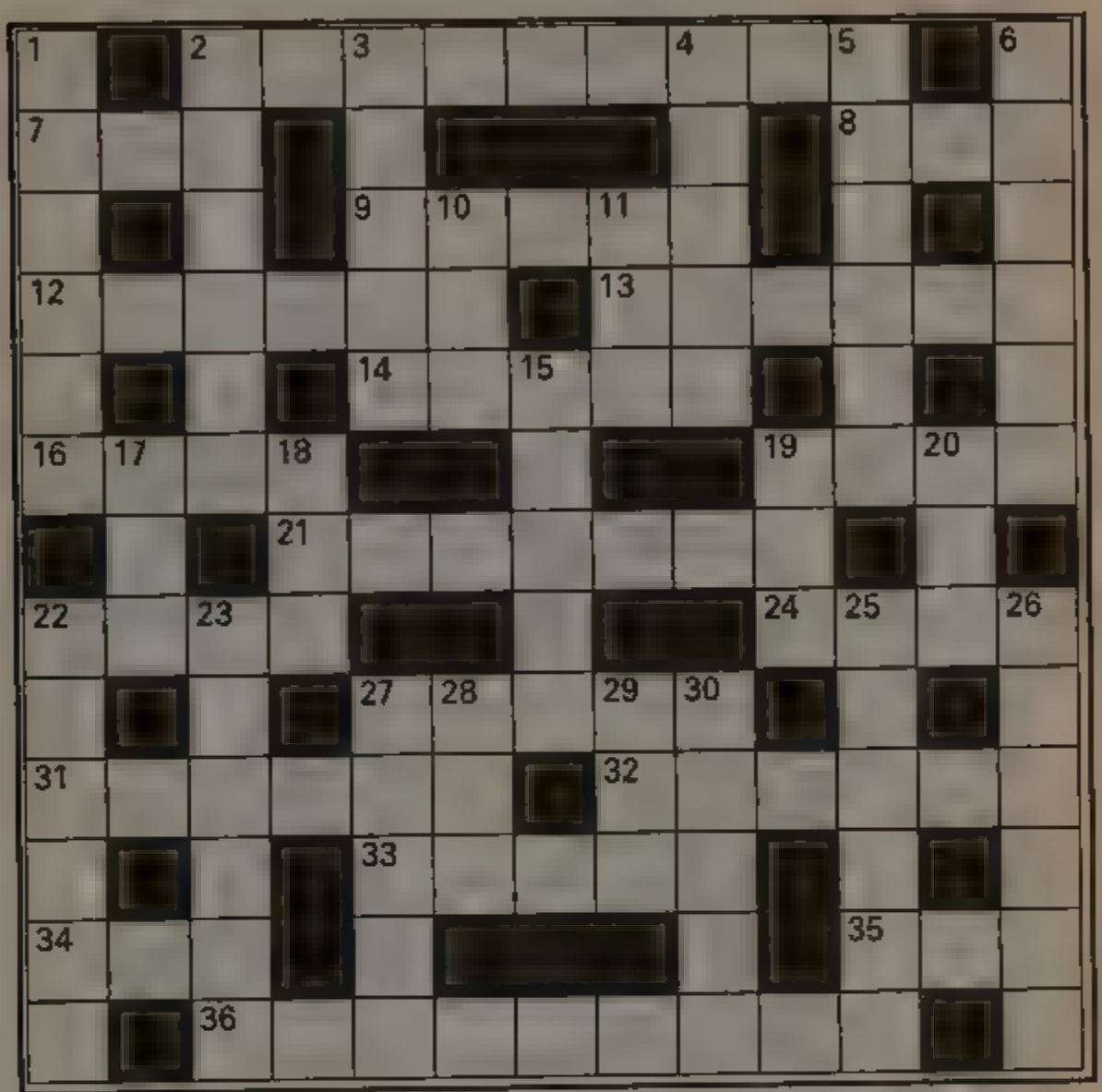
ACROSS

1 Tracts of wet, spongy land (6)
4 Beastly (6)
9 Repulsively indecent (7)
10 Do better than (5)
11 Musical symbols (5)
12 Trod underfoot (7)
13 Principals (5)
15 American elk (5)
20 Speakers (7)
22 Chewing apparatus (5)
24 Lazed (5)
25 Believers in self-interest (7)
26 Wanderer (6)
27 Move towards the top or climb (6)

DOWN

1 Shows contempt for (6)
2 Profitable possession (5)
3 Delighted (7)
5 Musical play (5)
6 Cookery instructions (7)
7 Deceive (6)
8 Pummels (5)
14 Made possible (7)
16 Surpasses (7)
17 Prodding (6)
18 Aits (5)
19 Introduced in stages (6)
21 Golden ___, song from the past (5)
23 Be consequent on (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

2 Shielded from anything unpleasant (9)
7 Travel on snow (3)
8 Old-fashioned version of 'before' (3)
9 Melodies (5)
12 Unsavoury (6)
13 Assault (6)
14 Nuisances (5)
16 Garments (coll) (4)
19 Irritable (4)
21 Tenth month (7)
22 Praise (4)
24 ___ *Lang Syne*, New Year song (4)
27 Vomits (5)
31 Cunning (6)
32 Any one of two (6)
33 Not telling the truth (5)
34 Hole of a needle (3)
35 Youth (3)
36 Had an inkling of (9)

DOWN

1 Classify (6)
2 Quoting (6)
3 Begin, found (3, 2)
4 Breeding sites for birds (5)
5 Claim (6)
6 Every seven days (6)
10 Avail oneself of (3)
11 Munch (3)
15 Coastline (5)
17 In biology, eggs (3)
18 Clump of earth and grass (3)
19 Eon (3)
20 Hair-setting agent (3)
22 Inclined (6)
23 Untethers (6)
25 Defended (6)
26 Make fun of (6)
27 Becomes sullen (5)
28 Thickness of wool (3)
29 Sebaceous cyst (3)
30 Faculty of vision (5)

Backwards

First, block in 24 squares in a symmetrical pattern to make a completed crossword. Next, number the squares crossword-fashion (1 to 31), allowing for words Across and Down.

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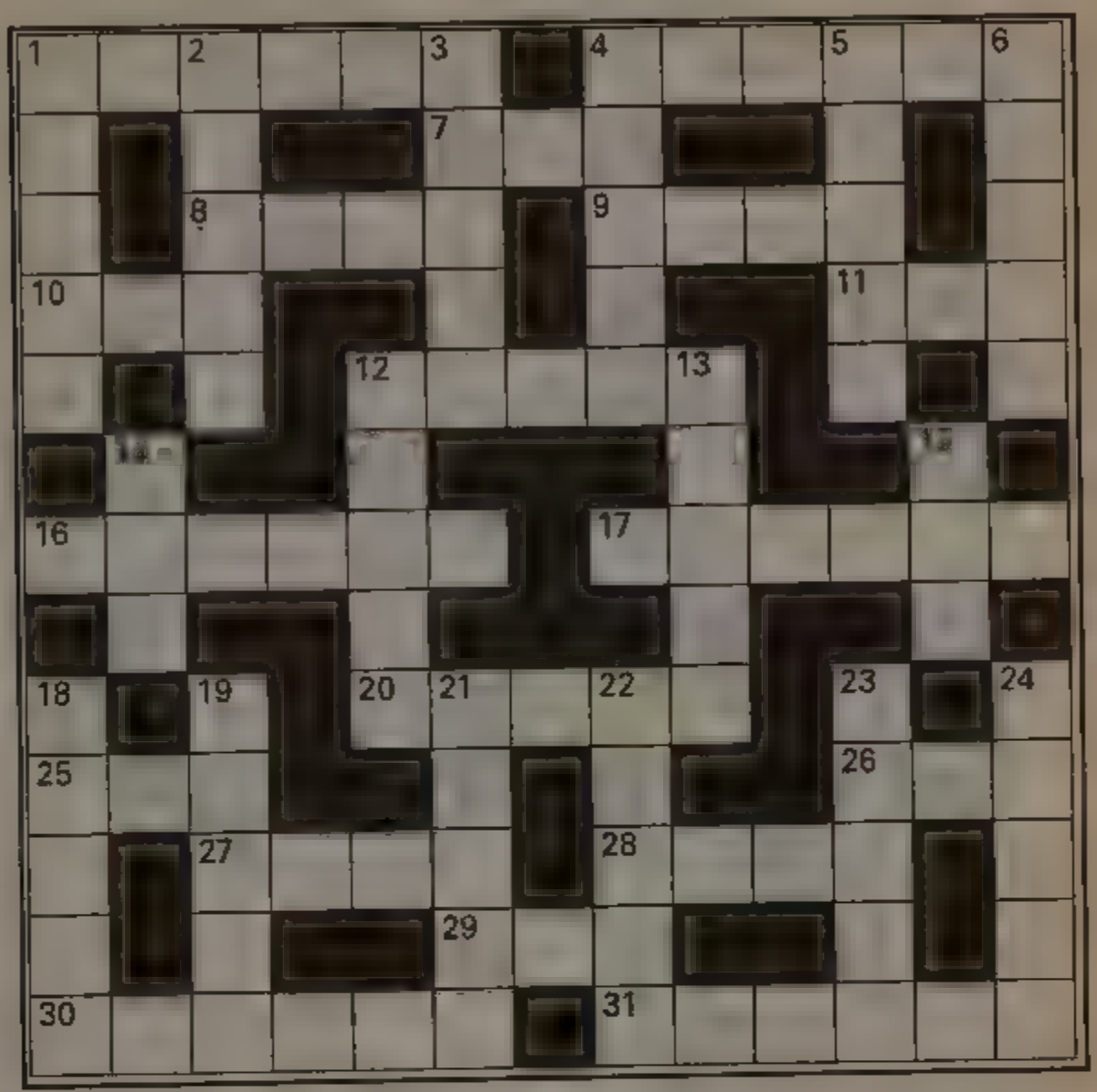
ACROSS

— Thomas ____, engineer
— ____ Guevara, revolutionary
— Incline
— Planet
— Mistake
— Surpass
— Lament
— Love god
— Greek sorceress
— Bird
— Carry
— Clique
— Racket
— Car
— Carer
— Racecourse
— Clearly

DOWN

— Lake
— Milky organ
— Relative
— River animal
— Step
— Indication
— Possessive
— Egg shaped
— Corps member
— Smirk
— Overchallenge
— Cap
— Parasite
— Detached
— Deteriorate
— Strike
— Waxed

Puzzler



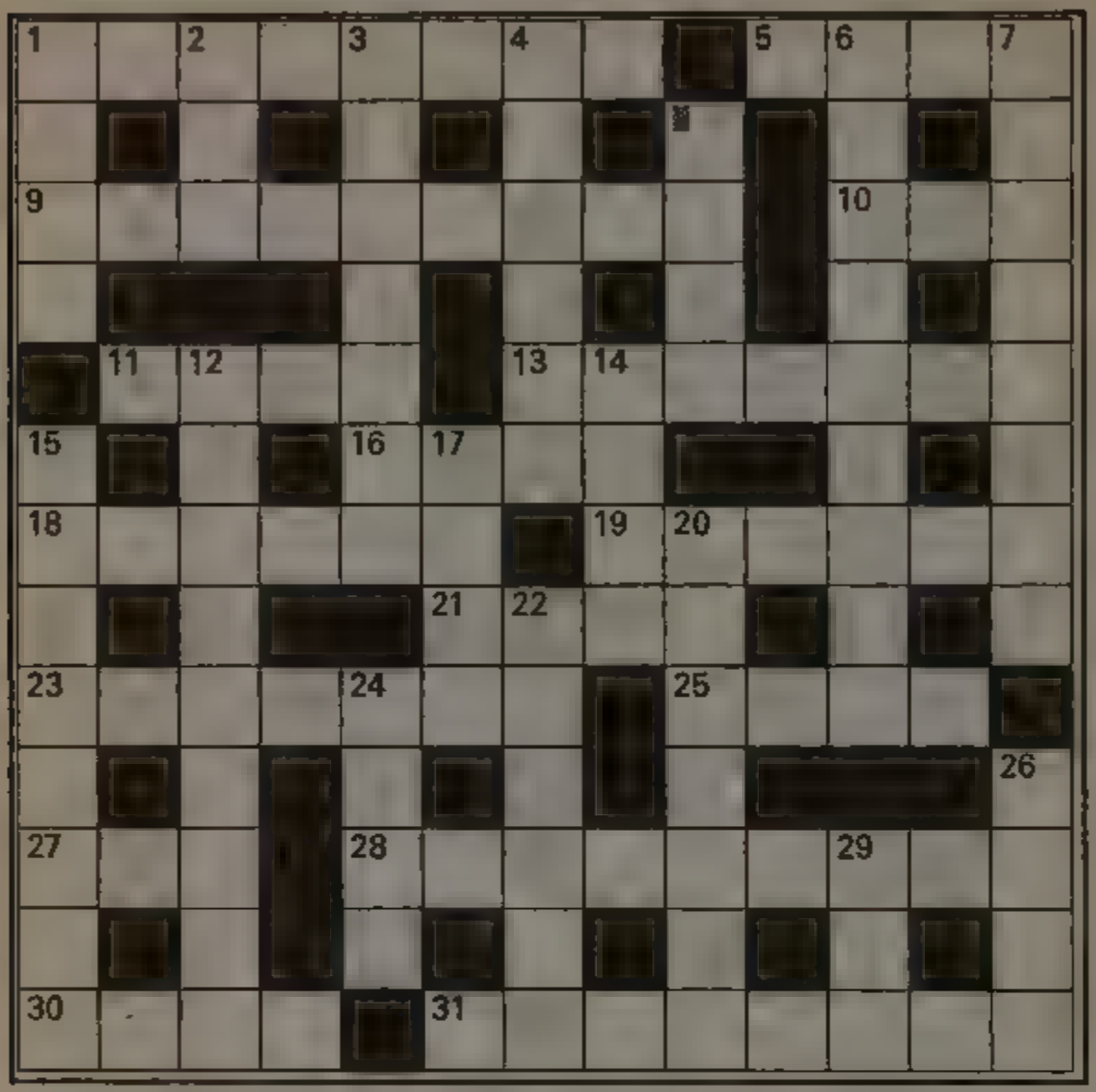
ACROSS

1 Notes equal to two crotchets (6)
4 *Midnight* ___, film with Dustin Hoffman (6)
7 Hill (3)
8 Joint of the leg (4)
9 Metal (4)
10 Mineral aggregate (3)
11 Stain (3)
12 Slow-healing open sore (5)
16 Stings (6)
17 Compensate (6)
20 Duck famed for its feathers (5)
25 Beard of barley (3)
26 Timeless period (3)
27 Donated (4)
28 Retail establishment (4)
29 Yes vote (3)
30 Particular feature (6)
31 Seldom seen (6)

DOWN

1 Large, juicy fruit (5)
2 Bare (5)
3 Thieve (5)
4 Act punishable by law (5)
5 Ties (5)
6 Country bumpkin (5)
12 Unknot (5)
13 Allude to (5)
14 Electrical unit (abbrev) (3)
15 Cut with blows (3)
18 River or spring nymph (5)
19 Block of gold (5)
21 *An* ___ *Husband*, Oscar Wilde play (5)
22 Frees from pain (5)
23 One suffering from Hansen's disease (5)
24 Sham (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

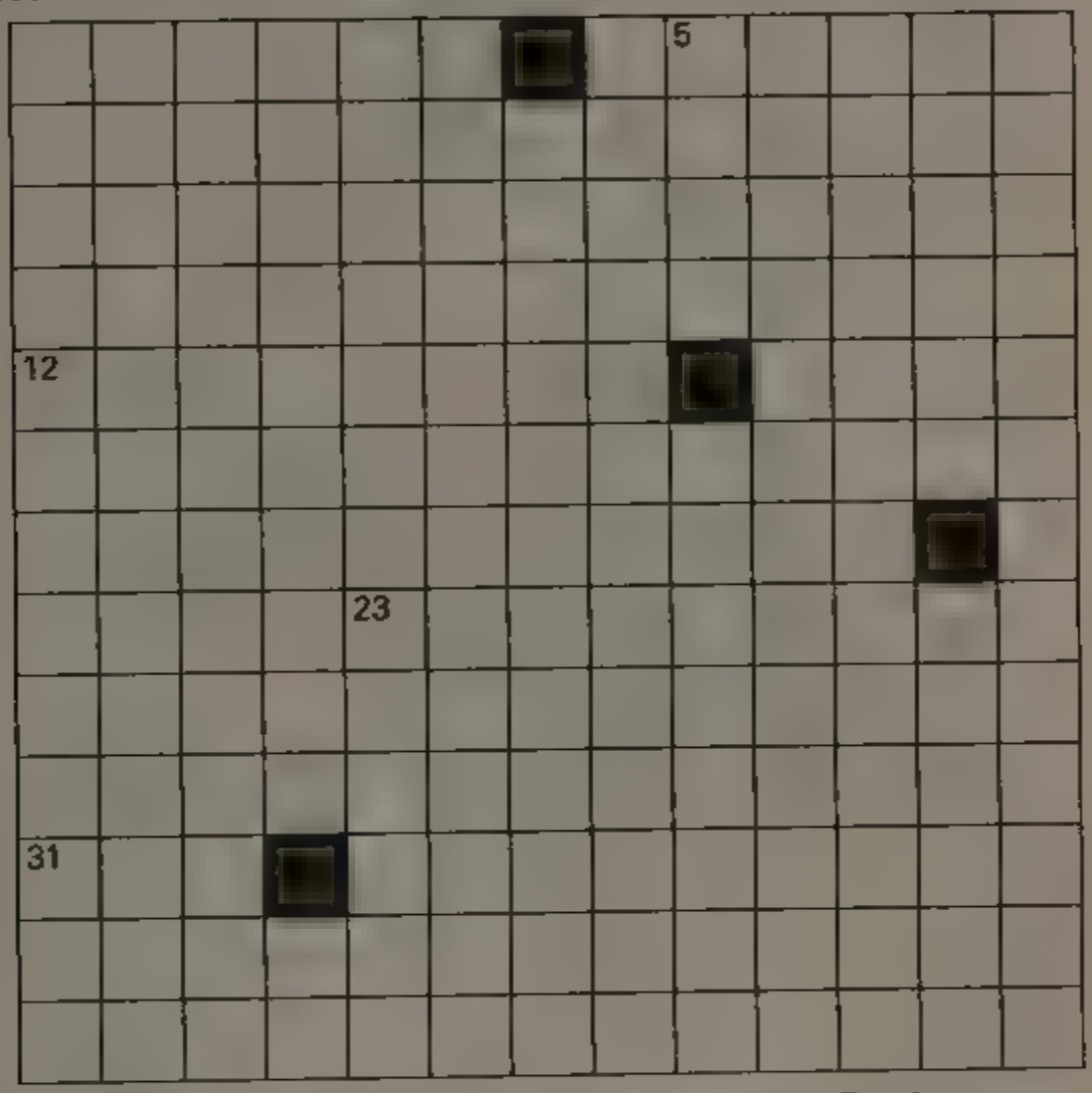
1 Actor (8)
5 Cog (4)
9 Supplies food needs (9)
10 Beverage (3)
11 Animal's skin (4)
13 Vermin (7)
16 Hurried on one's way (4)
18 Fastidiousness (6)
19 Removing moisture (6)
21 ___ *It*, Salt 'n' Pepa rap single (4)
23 Overcast (7)
25 ___ Bear, Jellystone cartoon character (4)
27 Card game (3)
28 Feeling (9)
30 Wide belt (4)
31 Make more intense (8)

DOWN

1 Melody, air (4)
2 French water (3)
3 Blocks at the base of columns (7)
4 Off the ship (6)
6 Stretching (9)
7 Notice to drivers (8)
8 Employed (4)
12 Mistaken (9)
14 Probability (4)
15 Letters (8)
17 Mischievous children (4)
20 With matching end-sounds (7)
22 Time allowed for payment (6)
24 Besides (4)
26 Shock into silence (4)
29 Alternative name for a newt (3)

Skeleton

The black squares have to be filled in as well as the words. For a start, four black squares and four numbers have been inserted. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern.



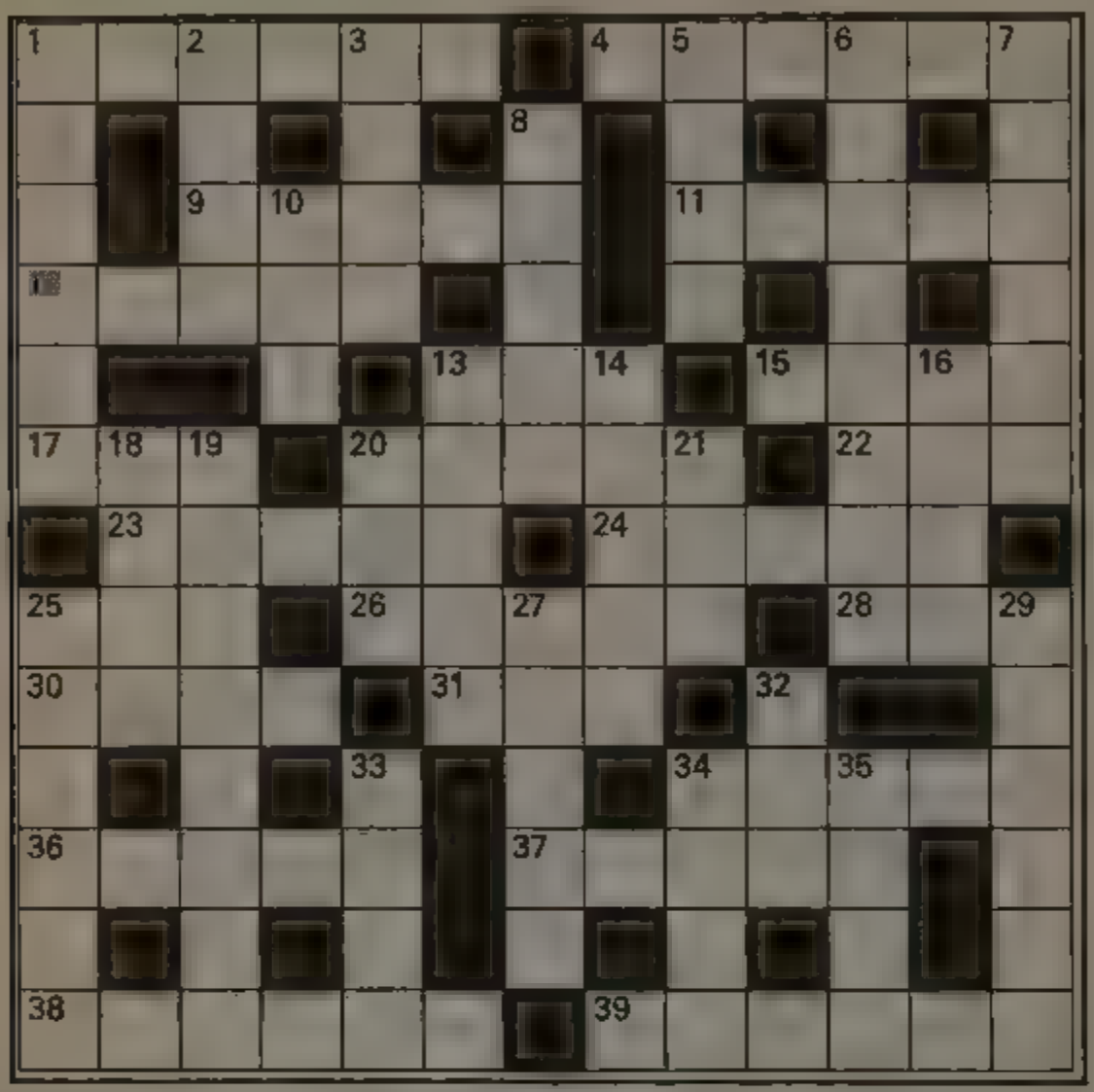
ACROSS

1 Underground room
4 Plan
8 Conclude
9 Elf
11 Morsel
12 Assist
14 Rotter
16 Enlist
18 Bowl
20 Exposed
21 Pleasant
23 Entire
26 Sob
27 Organ of hearing
28 Heat up
31 Sick
33 Corner
34 Cooking fat
35 Fancy cake
36 Not often

DOWN

1 Nursery
2 Top cover
3 Swiss mountains
5 Professional cook
6 Recede
7 Lengthen
10 Festive season (colloq)
13 Slack
14 Kayak
15 Tunisia's currency
17 Last Greek letter
18 Wager
19 Zero
22 Canopy
24 Sharp taste
25 Symbol
29 Fête
30 Pool, lake
32 Permit
34 Aged

Puzzler



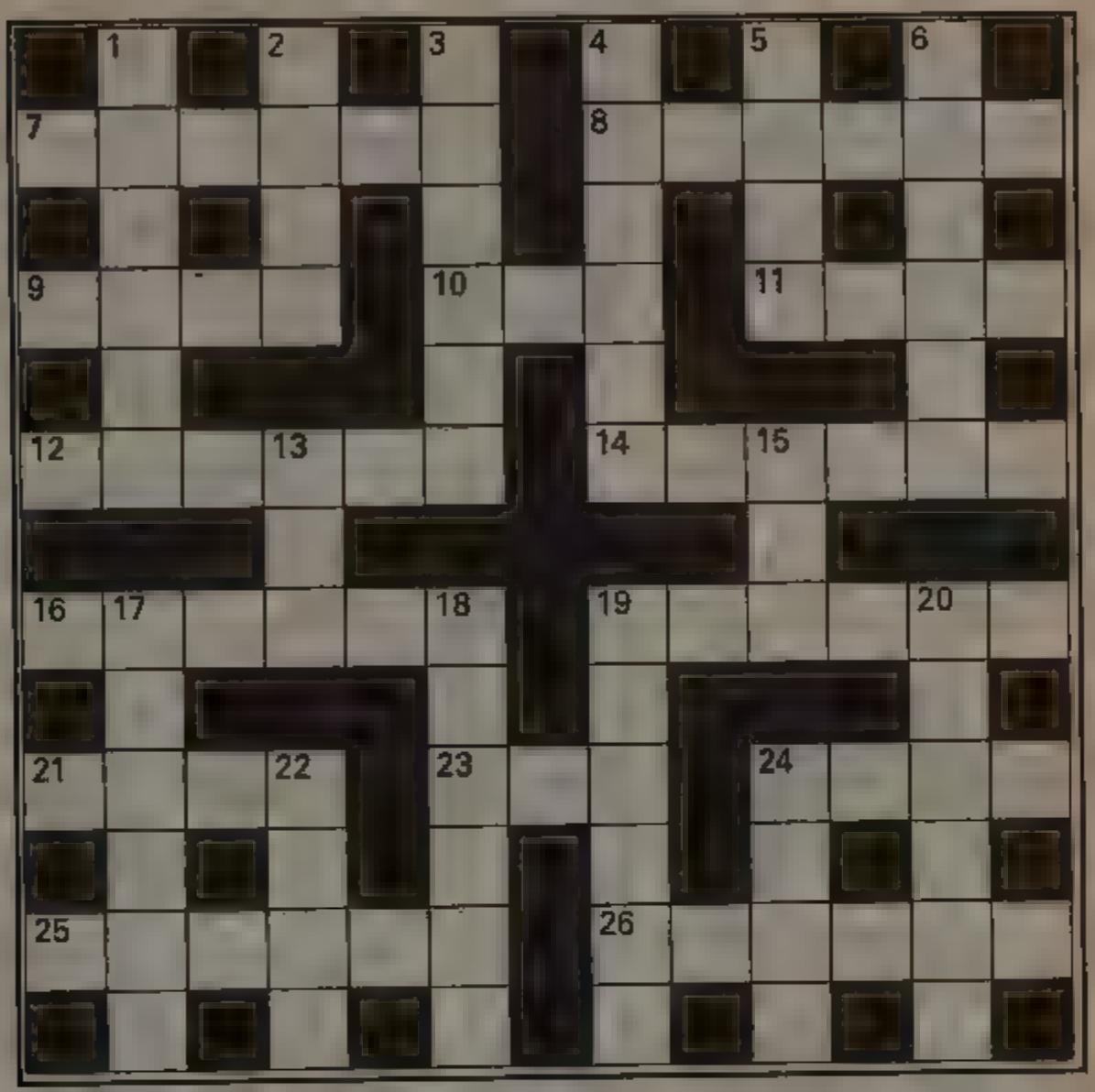
ACROSS

1 Judged (6)
4 Narrative song (6)
9 Spaghetti, for example (5)
11 Men (5)
12 Perhaps (5)
13 Word denoting dry in wines (3)
15 Leg-joint (4)
17 Colour (3)
20 Commencement (5)
22 '___ met by moonlight...' (Shakespeare) (3)
23 Swathe fabric over (5)
24 Vast ages (5)
25 In time past (3)
26 Stretched tight (5)
28 ___ *Back*, Beatles song (3)
30 Reports of recent events (4)
31 Danny La ___, entertainer (3)
34 Held the deeds of (5)
36 Ways out (5)
37 Spasm, paroxysm (5)
38 Most timid (6)
39 Signs used in addition (6)

DOWN

1 Switch for regulating light (6)
2 Spot (4)
3 Relax (4)
5 Parts of a circle (4)
6 Gaining skills (8)
7 Scatter (6)
8 Stuns (5)
10 ___ Lincoln, US president (3)
13 Look of contempt (5)
14 Stop (5)
16 Or ___, otherwise (4)
18 Border (4)
19 Sleepily (8)
20 Decide or make a choice (3)
21 Stand for a golf ball (3)
25 Infuriates (6)
27 *The* ___ *Professor*, Jerry Lewis film (5)
29 Straightens (6)
32 Duo (3)
33 Makes a request (4)
34 Pertaining to the mouth (4)
35 Snares (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

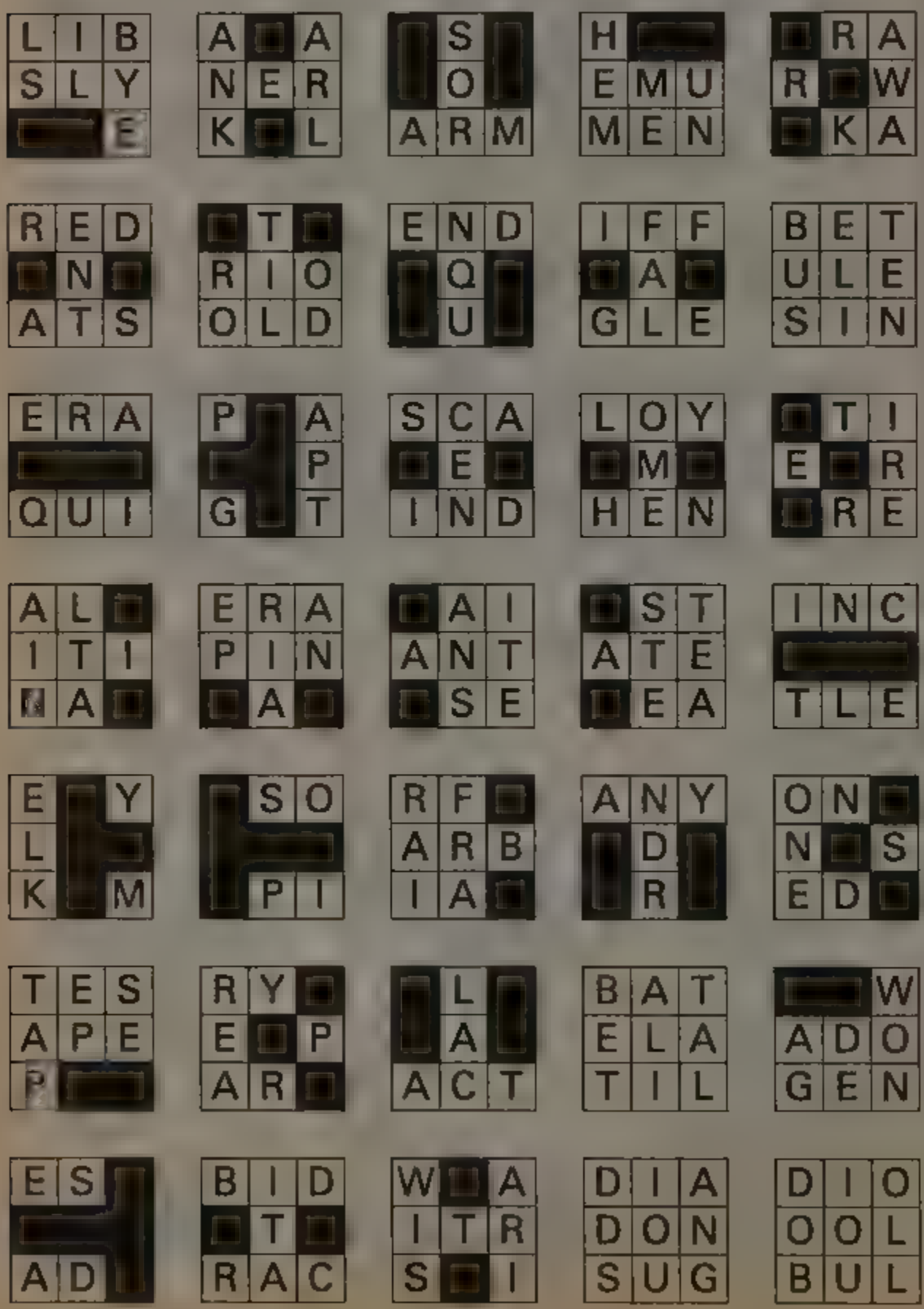
7 Walk aimlessly (6)
8 Baby's protective garment (6)
9 Less than twice (4)
10 Turn from side to side (3)
11 Cult (4)
12 Pearl-producing creature (6)
14 Blue ___, ribbon of the Order of the Garter (6)
16 Most ready for picking (6)
19 Ran at a slow pace (6)
21 Distant (4)
23 Untruth (3)
24 Leave something out (4)
25 Unwanted household goods (6)
26 Unusual, foreign (6)

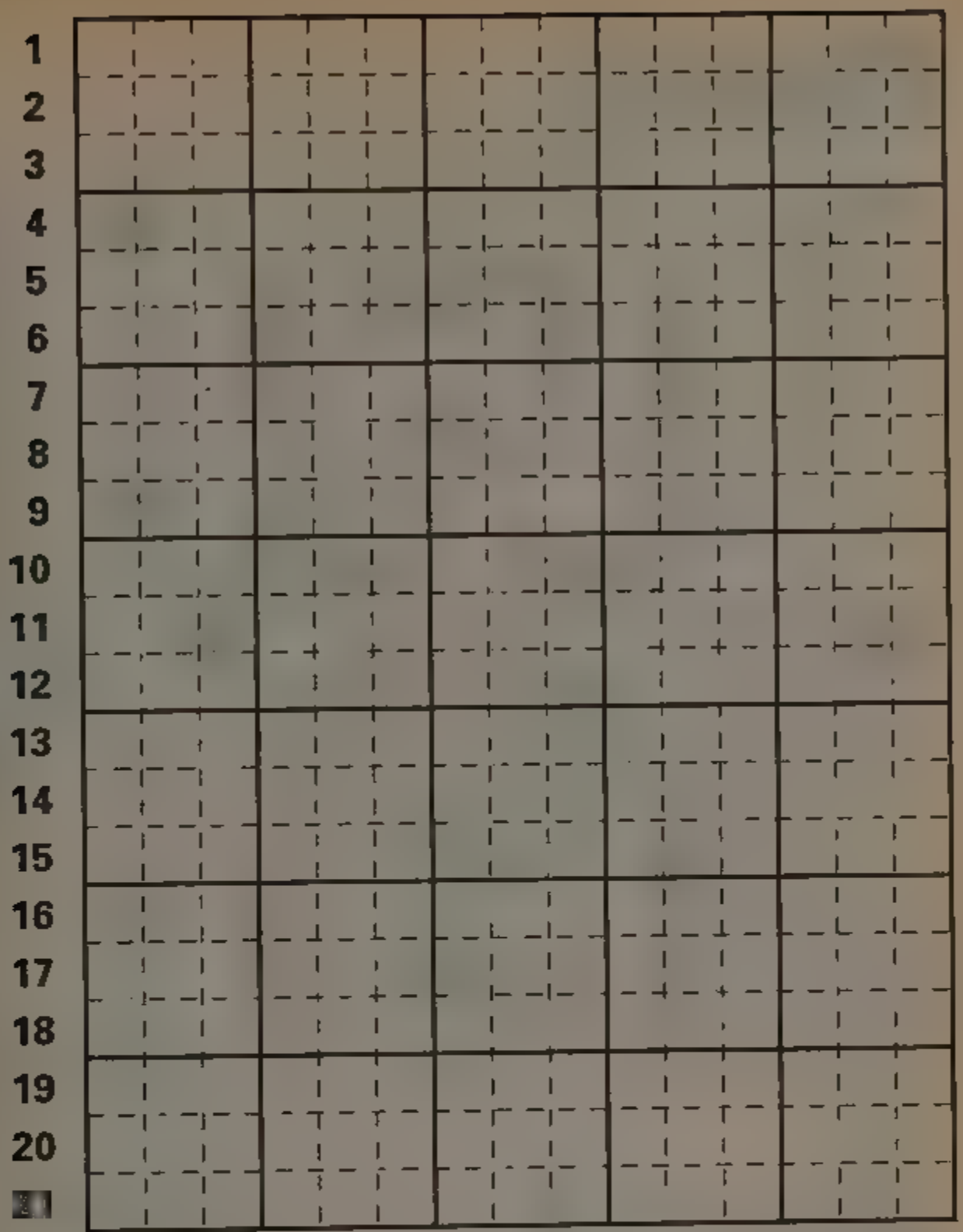
DOWN

1 Principally (6)
2 Cutting tool (4)
3 Solemn request to God (6)
4 Response (6)
5 Musical work numbered in order of publication (4)
6 Lubricant dispenser (6)
13 Article of neckwear (3)
15 Secret listening-device (3)
17 Flowing in (6)
18 Rang (6)
19 Mocked (6)
20 Call forth (6)
22 Precious stone (4)
24 Double-reed treble woodwind instrument (4)

Pieceword

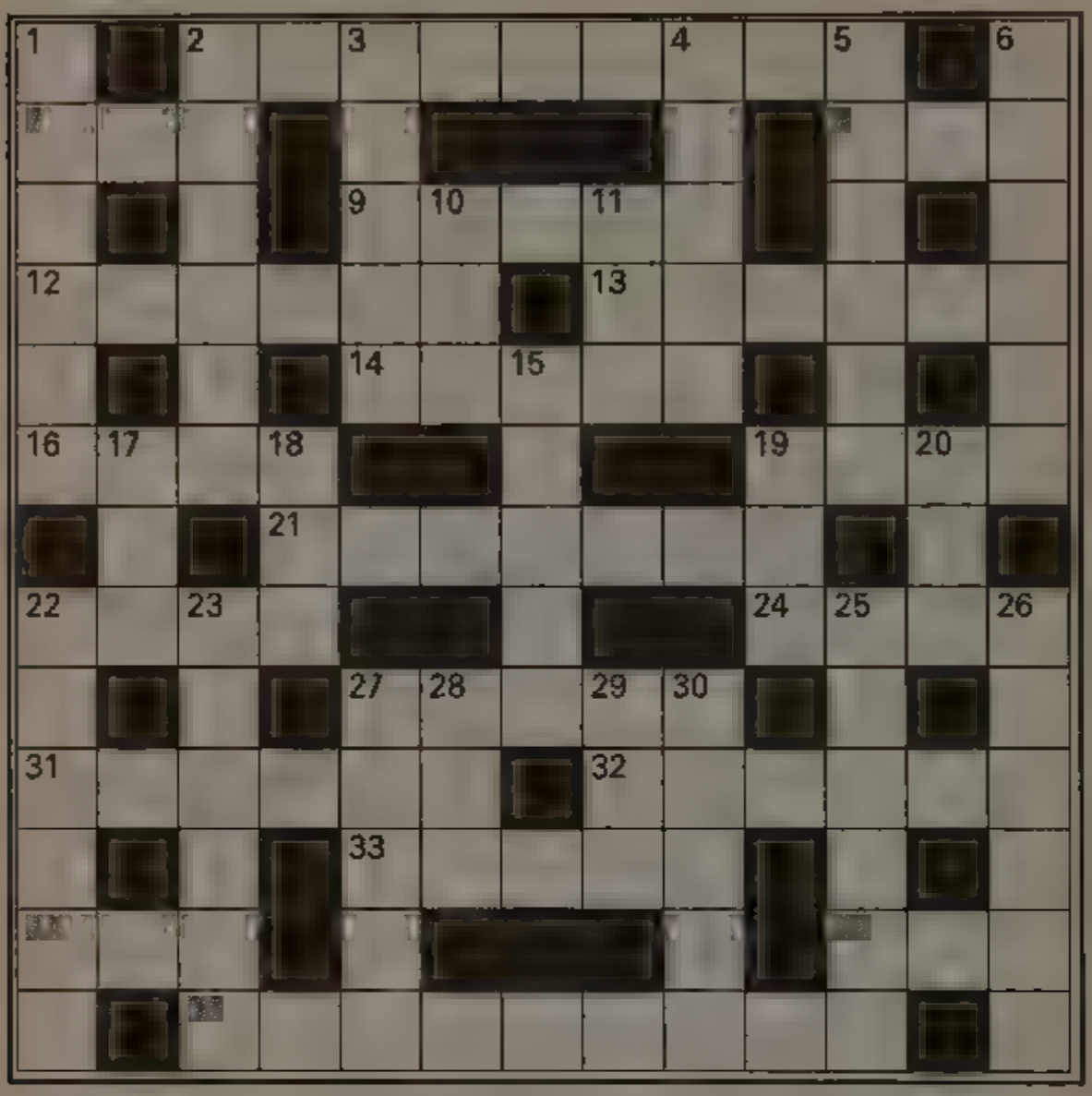
With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the 35 pieces into their correct positions in the empty grid (which, when completed, will exhibit a symmetrical pattern)?





1 Neckwear; rigid
2 Mediate
3 Huge Asian country; big bird of prey
4 Frees
5 Secretive, knowing; imitate
6 Provide with weapons; fit out; part of a play
7 Journal; wireless
8 Finished; earlier; fleece fibre
9 Sweetener; stale; Afghanistan's capital
10 Pacifying offering; tolerate; affirmative statement
12 Grunting mammal; path; deranged
13 Conductor's wand; age, epoch; country whose capital is Lhasa
14 Verve, dash; backbone; reign
15 Ceramically plated; sticky tree secretion
16 Unspecified quantity; powerful hoist; death
17 Fuss; huge bird
18 Refined males?
19 Constant and supportive; made known (views)
20 Nomadic
21 Hair colouring; constituencies

Puzzler



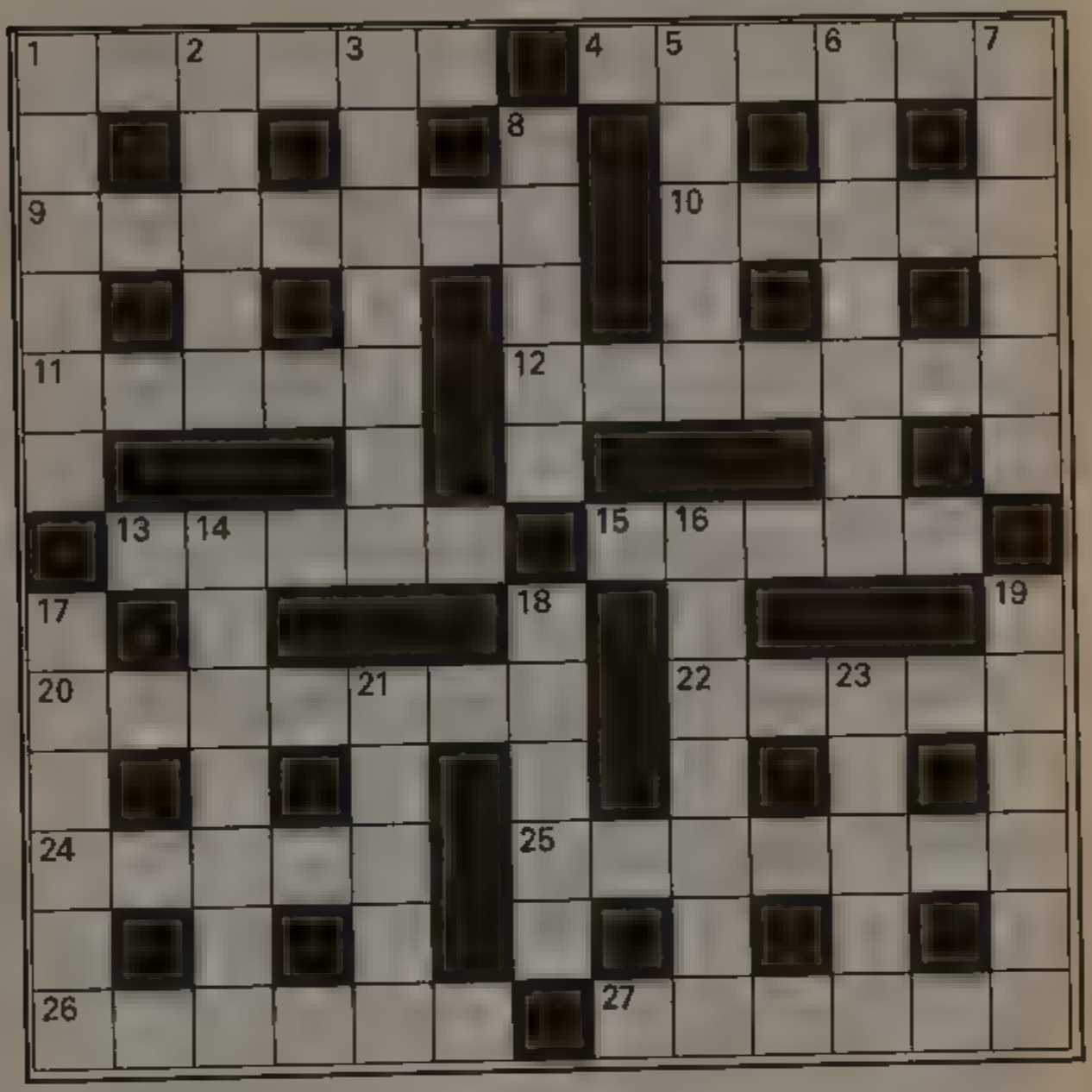
ACROSS

2 Three-coloured French flag (9)
7 Not me (3)
8 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
9 Wild, untamed (5)
12 Corkscrew (6)
13 White-stemmed vegetable (6)
14 Sprints (5)
16 Lairs (4)
19 Shock (4)
21 Flexible or easily bent (7)
22 Obligation to do (4)
24 Spots (4)
27 Whim, capricious idea (5)
31 Traps (6)
32 Lubricating (6)
33 The things here (5)
34 Girl's name (3)
35 Age (3)
36 Deferred (9)

DOWN

1 Common saying (6)
2 Serving dish for soup (6)
3 Deduce logically (5)
4 Leers at (5)
5 Resume (6)
6 Large gorge (6)
10 Period (3)
11 Outstanding (3)
15 Set of links (5)
17 French water (3)
18 Observe illegally (3)
19 Ocean (3)
20 Vase for ashes (3)
22 Serves up (6)
23 Swops (6)
25 Told off (6)
26 Going slowly along (6)
27 Honours with festivities (5)
28 Remains after burning (3)
29 Lettuce variety (3)
30 Concede (5)

Puzzler



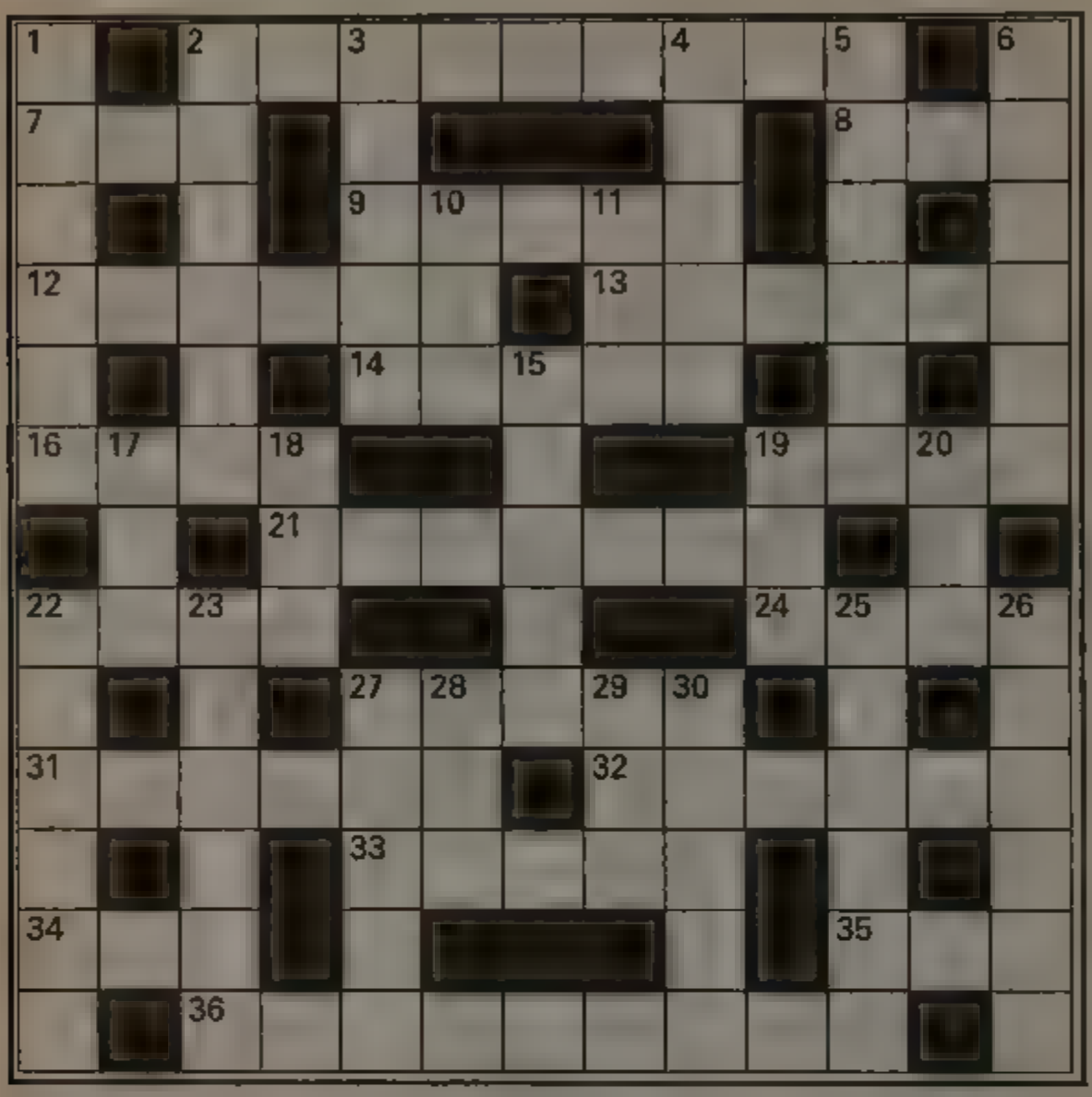
ACROSS

1 Dismal, dull, and gloomy (6)
4 Armed hold-ups (coll) (6)
9 Ensnaring (7)
10 Remove from building (5)
11 Concepts (5)
12 External (7)
13 Irritated (5)
15 Plant that resembles grass (5)
20 In which an aviator sits (7)
22 Takes a break (5)
24 More strange (5)
25 Cloth (7)
26 Refrain (6)
27 Proclamations of law (6)

DOWN

1 Brightly-coloured garden bloom (6)
2 Create an image (5)
3 Bring out again (7)
5 Opt for (5)
6 Staining (7)
7 Sofa (6)
8 Arctic dwelling (5)
14 Enciphers (7)
16 Angered (7)
17 Resounded (6)
18 Bend down (5)
19 US film Academy Awards (6)
21 Separates (5)
23 Of sound (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

2 Large Australian marsupials (9)
7 Shout of disapproval (3)
8 ___ Aviv, city (3)
9 Dim (the eyes) (5)
12 Resolve (6)
13 Wound (6)
14 Urged on (5)
16 Female pigs (4)
19 Observe (4)
21 Protein found in egg whites (7)
22 Killed (4)
24 Plant stalk (4)
27 Searches for (5)
31 Moulds of gold (6)
32 On its own (6)
33 Unfair lending (5)
34 First number (3)
35 Away from wind (3)
36 Informal discussion (4-1-4)

DOWN

1 Puts down (6)
2 Grovel (6)
3 Of the aristocracy (5)
4 Rowed (5)
5 Soils (6)
6 In abundance (6)
10 Member (3)
11 Drink made from malt and hops (3)
15 Force out with thumb (5)
17 Natural fuel (3)
18 Toothed cutting-tool (3)
19 Ensign (abbrev) (3)
20 Meat baked in pastry (3)
22 Seafarer (6)
23 Young bird of prey (6)
25 Boy's singing voice (6)
26 Offended (coll) (6)
27 Dangerous feat of daring or skill (5)
28 Nineteenth letter (3)
29 Aperitif (3)
30 Elegance (5)

Keyword

This puzzle has no clues in the conventional sense. Instead, every different number printed in the main grid represents a different letter (with the same number always representing the same letter, of course). For example, if 17 turns out to be a 'V', you can write in V wherever a square contains 17.

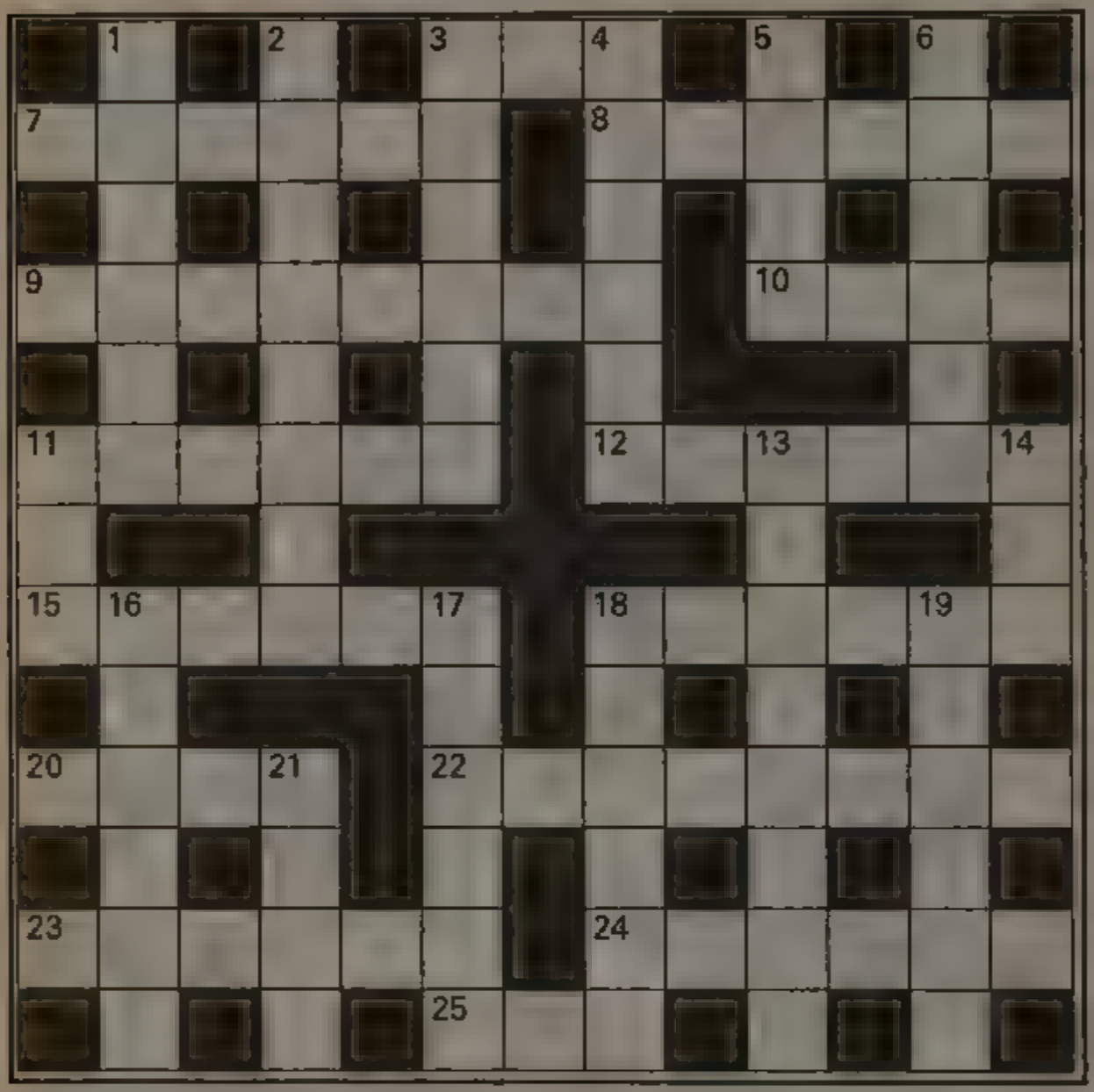
We have completed a very small part of the puzzle to give you a start, but the rest is up to you!

19	■	10	■	15	6	9	21	14	■	16	■	9
1	10	20	24	6	■	10	■	6	5	6	11	21
21	17	9	■	8	24	23	6	1	■	7	24	20
10	17	24	7	21	■	6	■	15	2	24	17	20
15	■	14	■	1	10	11	15	2	■	11	■	17
2	10	23	3	■	13	23	21	■	6	12	21	21
■	22	■	17	6	12	■	17	10	22	■	1	■
19	21	8	25	■	21	21	17	■	17	21	10	26
13	■	6	■	3	1	24	6	1	■	18	■	1
15 C	6 O	1 R	10	17	■	12	■	21	4	13	20	21
7	24	14	■	6	15	2	1	21	■	24	1	21
21	17	21	15	14	■	14	■	8	24	11	25	17
14	■	4	■	23	14	25	17	21	■	21	■	25

(The small grid is provided for ease of reference only.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Puzzler



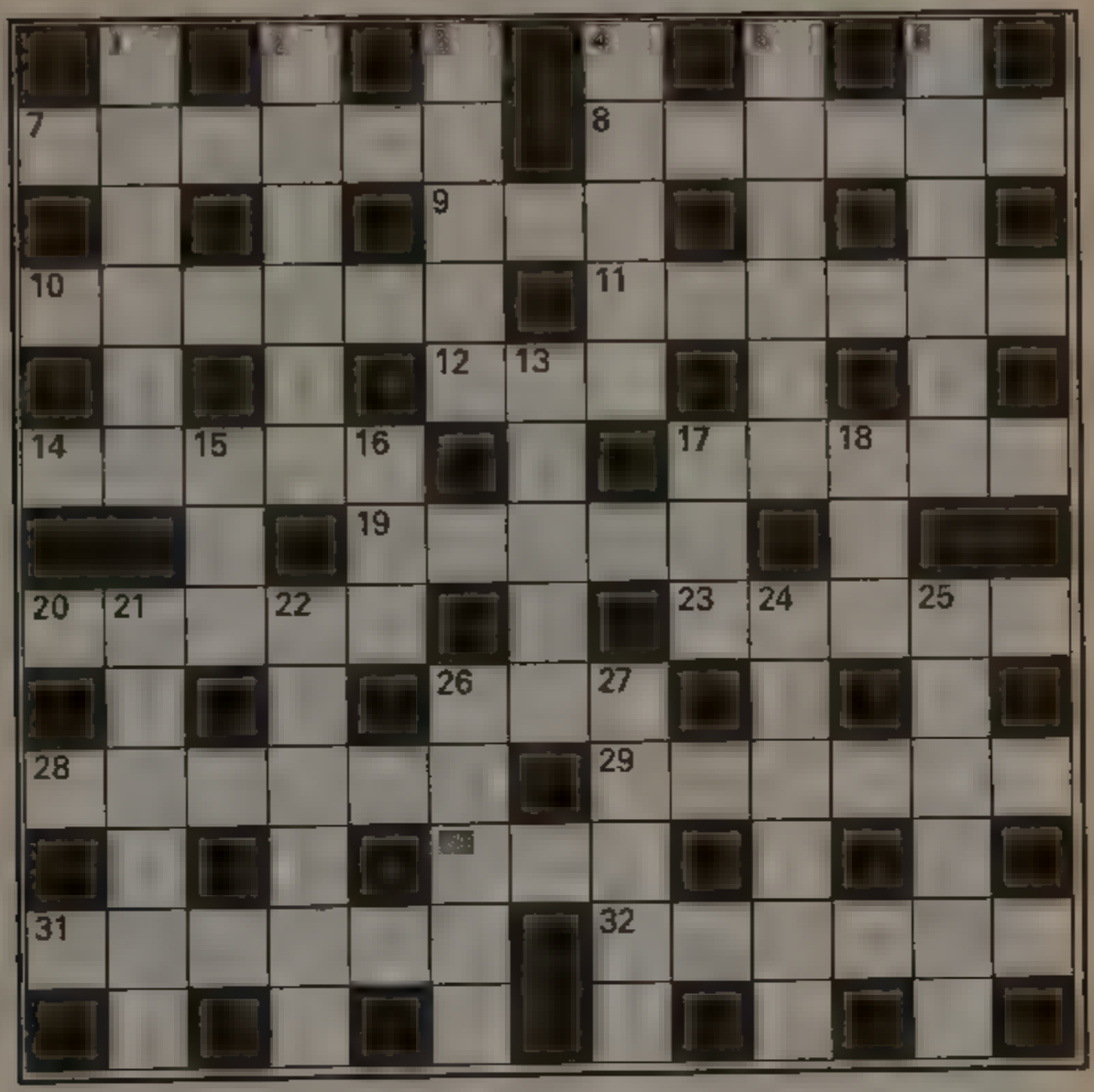
ACROSS

3 Diving bird (3)
7 Muscular contractions (6)
8 Turn upside down (6)
9 People on the run from prison (8)
10 Measure of medicine (4)
11 Coarse people (6)
12 Drugging (6)
15 Over there (6)
18 Immersed (6)
20 Article in a newspaper (4)
22 Formal duty by law (8)
23 Whichever person (6)
24 Money-lender (6)
25 Expose to moisture (3)

DOWN

1 Rubber (6)
2 Made known (8)
3 Evaluate (6)
4 Osculated (6)
5 Zealous (4)
6 Up and about (6)
11 Lagoon (3)
13 Full of people (8)
14 Immortal being (3)
16 Selecting (6)
17 Very expensive car (coll) (6)
18 Substitutes' bench (6)
19 Have a high regard for (6)
21 Spanish Arab (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

7 Brilliant brain (6)
8 Devouring (6)
9 Dull, stupid fellow (3)
10 Old geographic division of Yorkshire (6)
11 Hoaxer (6)
12 Type of link (3)
14 Wheel coverings (5)
17 Have the feeling that (5)
19 Reddish hair preparation (5)
20 Noisy (5)
23 Flaming light (5)
26 *Raiders Of The Lost* ___, Harrison Ford film (3)
28 Throws out (6)
29 Editions (6)
30 Attila, for instance (3)
31 General plan (6)
32 Glistens (6)

DOWN

1 Spookily (6)
2 Figure of speech, comparing one thing to another (6)
3 Habitual practice (5)
4 Office furniture (5)
5 Fatty foods (6)
6 Goes into (6)
13 More rational (5)
15 Inflamed (3)
16 Coconut-___, funfair attraction (3)
17 Took a seat (3)
18 Not either (3)
21 Item (6)
22 Quayside worker (6)
24 Deposed (6)
25 Takes the best (6)
26 Cricket trophy (5)
27 Monarchs (5)

Two-timer

Two sets of clues to the same answers.

ACROSS

1 Manage to get to the bottom of six feet of water (6)
4 Wept surprisingly but hesitantly into the tankard (6)
7 Shrewd, not suffering from myopia (3-6)
9 Careless fellow first had linen thread (4)
10 Whale damaging most of the coral (4)
11 Julian (not a Scottish man) with record on drink (5)
13 In school is somewhat nimble (6)
14 Beat the interminable spots (6)
15 Poultry at first in the city (6)
17 Cloak found on church in river (6)
19 Message from the hotel expected (5)
20 From the bank, noticed the wader (4)
22 Rod converted Dawn (4)
23 Evening service (6-3)
24 Request to turn over during draw – go lightly (6)
25 Acid test? (6)

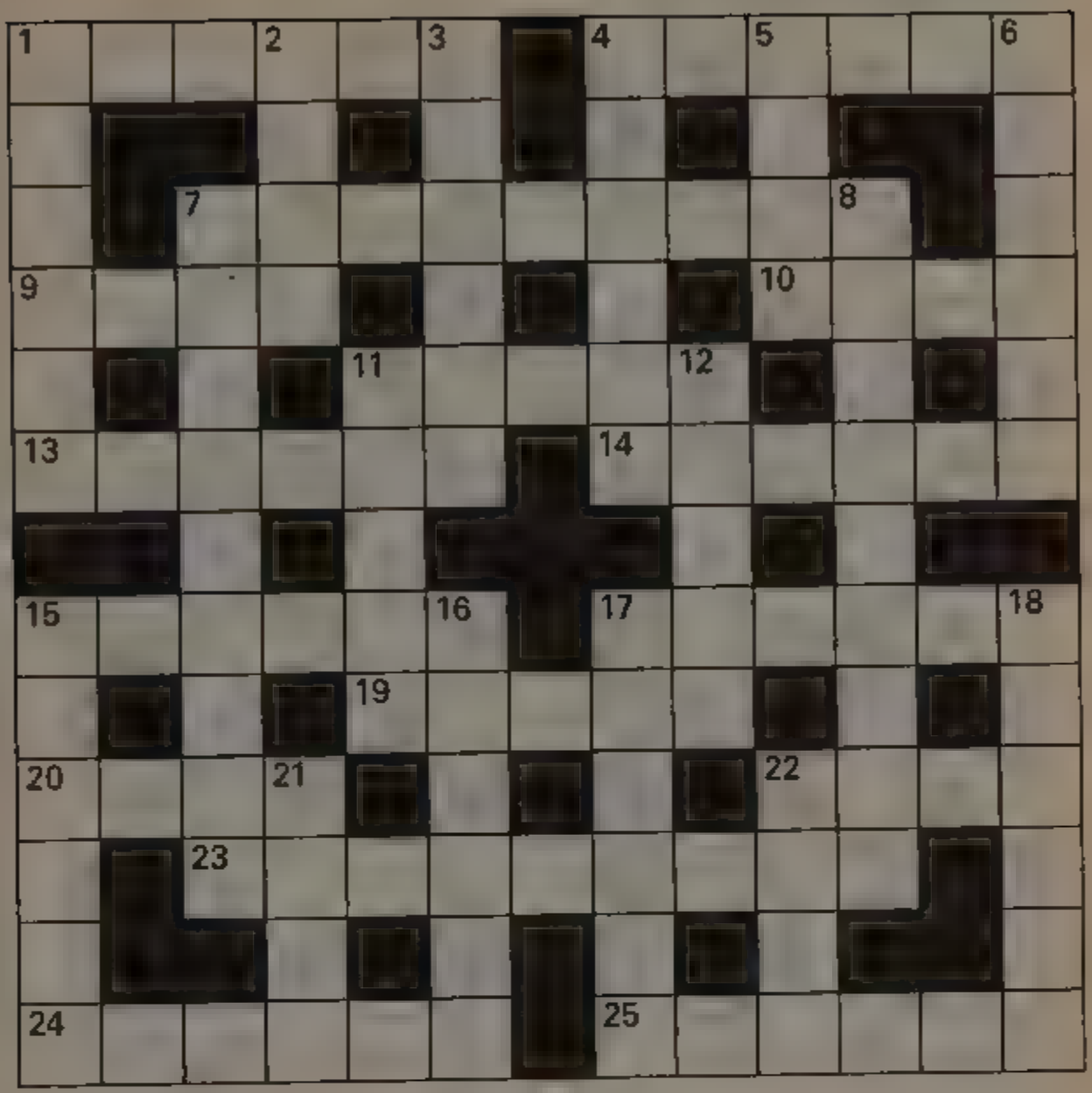
DOWN

1 Spasmodic attack not quite complete (6)
2 Call to attract attention given by one before ten, it's a deceptive trick (4)
3 Mother about to use the gallery (6)
4 Peter's prepared to fix in advance (6)
5 Now I removed potential drunkard (4)
6 Has her concoction to use again (6)
7 Lie about performing fleas taking cover (9)
8 A cottager changed an item of clothing (9)
11 Shared Sunday meal (5)
12 Sounds like many sheep but they are flowers (5)
15 Joint-t ornament (6)
16 Can see constituents meeting (6)
17 Stormy bird? (6)
18 Great number of simpletons losing their head (6)
21 I left non-drinker outside incline (4)
22 Go past (4)

STRAIGHT CLUES TO THE PUZZLE ON THE RIGHT

ACROSS

1 Measure depth (6)
4 Beer-mug (6)
7 Prescient (3-6)
9 Plant fibre (4)
10 Killer-whale genus (4)
11 Medicated drink (5)
13 Supple (6)
14 Flog (6)

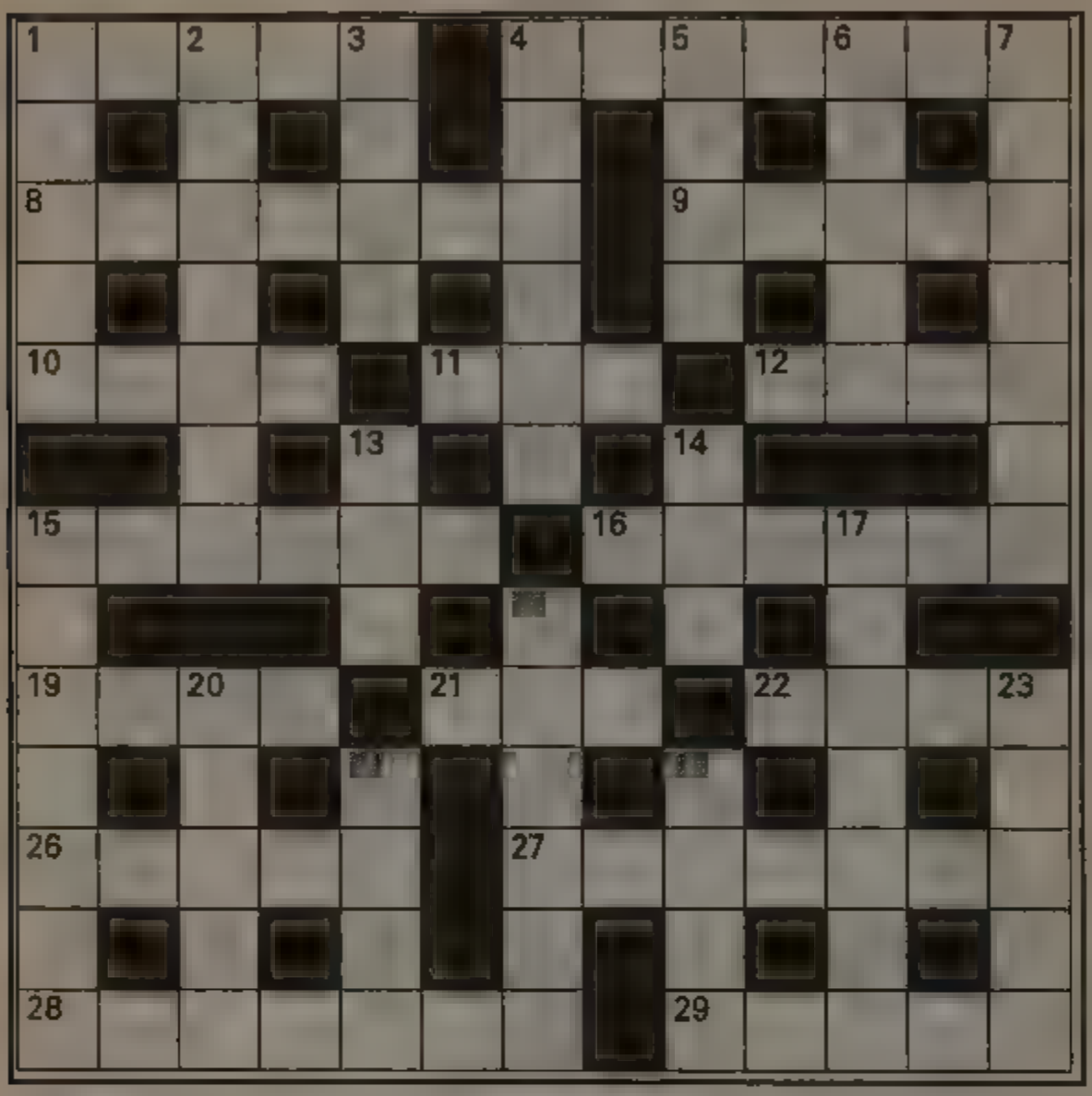


15 Greek capital (6)
17 Blanket-like cloak (6)
19 Telegraph message (5)
20 Nautical mile (4)
22 Conjuror's rod (4)
23 Matching plates, dishes etc (6-3)
24 Walk lightly (6)
25 Chemical paper (6)

DOWN

1 Intermittent (6)
2 Practical joke (4)
3 Exhibition building (6)
4 Settle beforehand (6)
5 Alcoholic addicted to liquor from grapes (4)
6 Reuse (6)
7 Fib (9)
8 Outer garment (9)
11 Piece of meat (5)
12 Garden flower (5)
15 Leg jewellery (6)
16 Spiritual meeting (6)
17 Seabird (6)
18 Very many (6)
21 Lean over (4)
22 Departed (4)

Puzzler



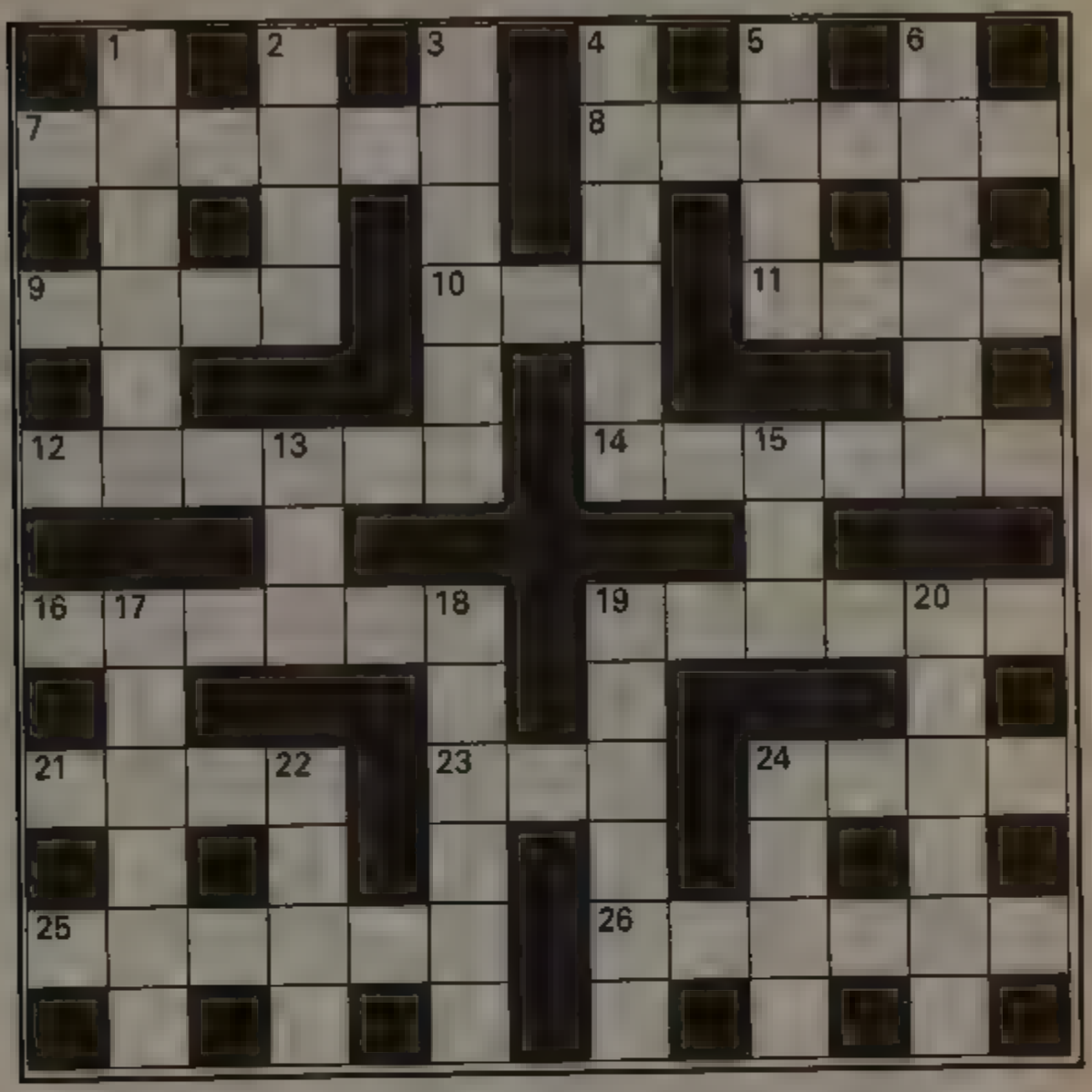
ACROSS

1 Finger of fire (5)
4 Mixed (7)
8 More annoyed (7)
9 Boarding house (5)
10 Club membership payments (4)
11 Straight blow by a boxer (3)
12 Fruit-basket (4)
15 Amulets (6)
16 Most advanced in years (6)
19 Person or thing that seems to bring bad luck (4)
21 Haunt of vice (3)
22 Stare (4)
26 Soup server (5)
27 Distressing (7)
28 Early stage of English flower (7)
29 Set in place (5)

DOWN

1 Banners (5)
2 Mathematical method of calculating by symbols (7)
3 Long film (4)
4 Treasurer (6)
5 Reverberate (4)
6 Put off (5)
7 Make happy (7)
13 Rod Hull's bird (3)
14 Type, kind (3)
15 Coaxer (7)
17 Absorb (7)
18 At the back of (6)
20 Representations of naked people (5)
23 Bring to bear, perform (5)
24 Part of speech (4)
25 Hop (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

7 Friendly countries (6)
8 Indolent (6)
9 Heathland plant (4)
10 Lower limb (3)
11 Film about heroic events (4)
12 Favourable regard (6)
14 Decreased in size (6)
16 Pleas of absence (6)
19 Small box of goods (6)
21 Centre of revolution (4)
23 Narrow spade with footrest (3)
24 Instrument associated with angels (4)
25 Dried plums (6)
26 Swimming (6)

DOWN

1 Sores (6)
2 Manner (4)
3 Place of refuge (6)
4 Areas of uncut grass on golf courses (6)
5 Mention, quote (4)
6 Allot (6)
13 Flow out (3)
15 Mythical bird (3)
17 Costly or expensive surroundings (6)
18 Spatter (6)
19 Working at (6)
20 In the wrong (6)
22 Desert grains (4)
24 Sheds (4)

Alphabetical Jigsaw

Clue A leads to a solution beginning with the letter A, clue B to one beginning with the letter B, and so on, through the alphabet. Having discovered the solutions, the solver must (as if completing a jigsaw) determine their positions in the diagram.

A Bare tarn needs renovating
To provide what's deviating (8)

B Swam around in endless sequel?
On the contrary, left with a will (10)

C Can hypocritical grief be got
By a drop from radical creosote? (9, 5)

D Choose to fry, say, in short
And routine expression you'll report (3-2-3)

E Ham company that seems
To go for example to gross extremes (4)

F Refer to OBE's o'erthrow
By roving pirate now on show (10)

G Change gear 'fore service ends
To lubricate, say, Mercedes Benz (6)

H Such a fling could propel caber
But, more usually, dance with fervour (8)

I Shortly this month it may appear
That tins get rattled clearly here (4)

J In Paris, I slew completely round
When such ornaments are found (6)

K Prepares to take the accolade
But keels o'er noble head displayed (6)

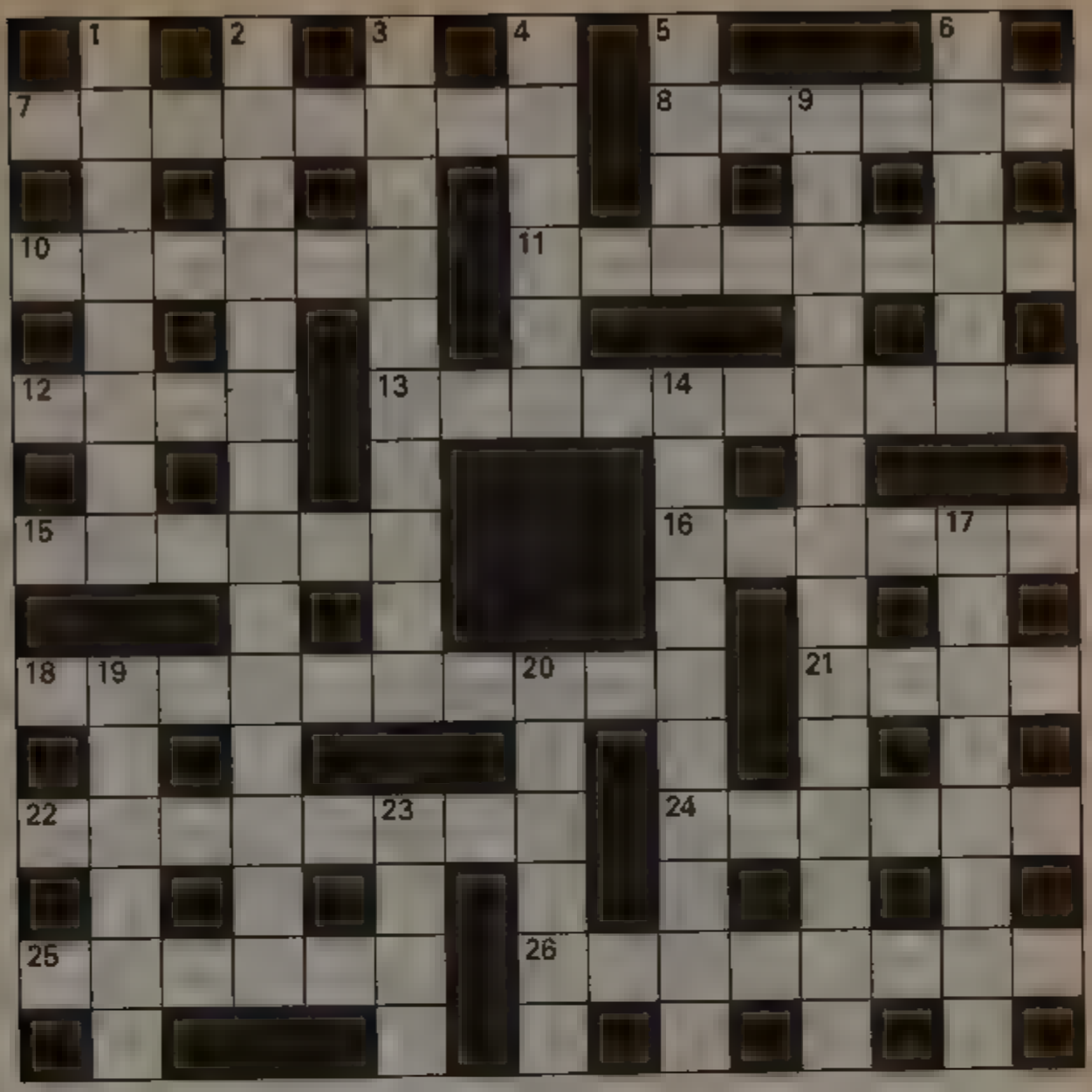
L One down, when suffering this
Watch dial that's gone amiss (4, 2, 4)

M Insect complete (or so I hear)
But spoils one's clothes should it appear (4, 4)

N Hard to find in a haystack?
Require the Spanish to come back (6)

O Over's second replacement by writer
Is still first bat. That can't be right, eh? (6)

P True pope or false may be
Of such bad character finally (4, 6)



Q Almost fast yet he'll finish
This unsweetened pastry dish (6)

R Enter here and note the string
That top performance too can bring (6)

S A following for white-collar hands
To one of Scotland's western islands (6)

T Terrible chaos when right one's gone
And put a three-part wager on (6)

U As horse may rider thus displace,
As tune you readily could replace (6)

V When it blew its top
Pompeii came to a stop (8)

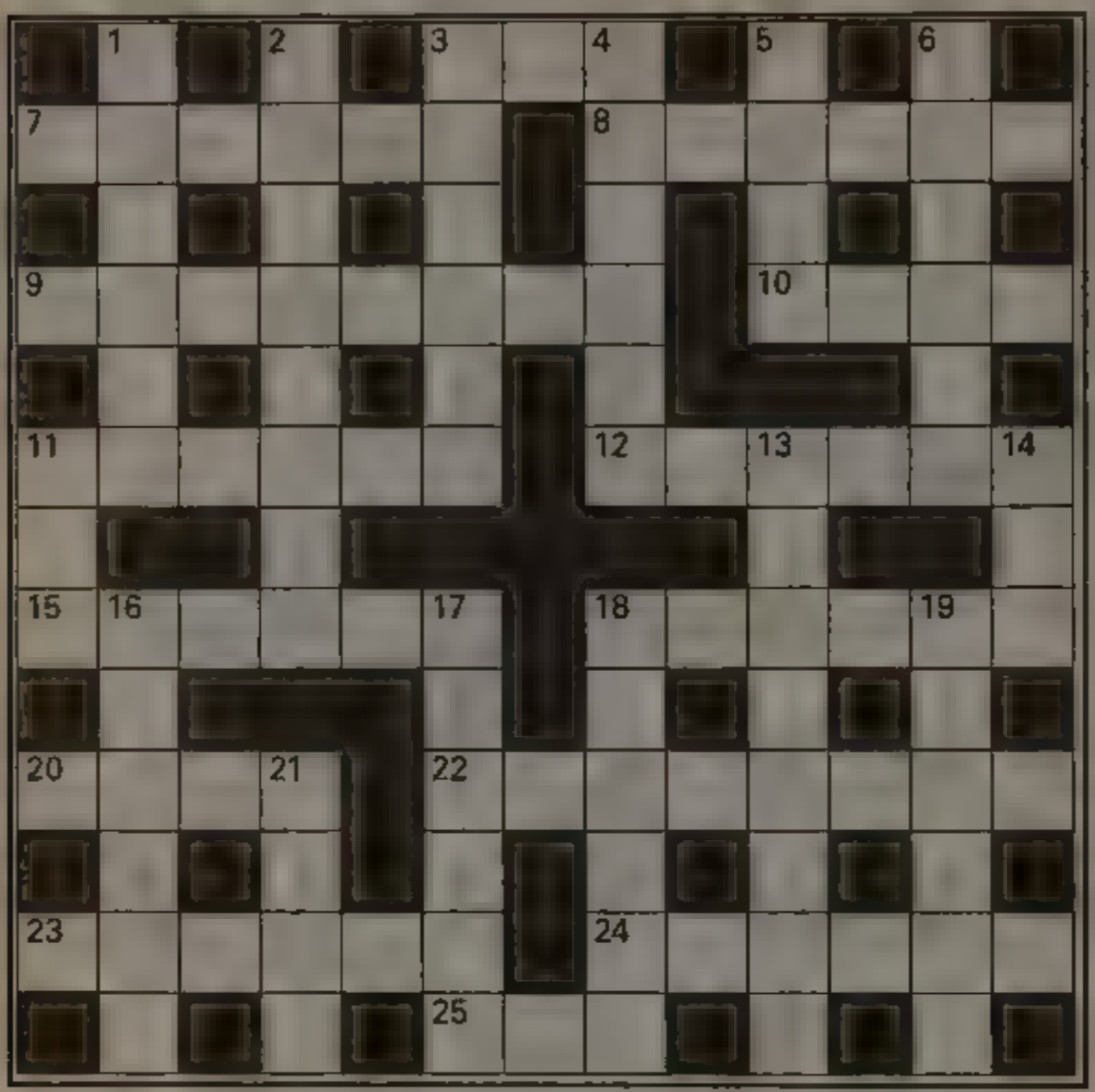
W 14F? Whole became
Lucky ring in numbers game (5, 2, 7)

X Cross-beam in theatre that cuts through
External surface for inner view (1-3)

Y Jung guest (or so one hears)
Is the one with fewest years (8)

Z Nothing comes from leading Zionists
Extolling religious optimists (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

3 Everyone (3)
7 Makes late (6)
8 Deer horn (6)
9 Photographer's workplace (8)
10 State of temper (4)
11 Funeral car (6)
12 Wanderers (6)
15 Japanese girl trained to entertain men (6)
18 Water depth of six feet (6)
20 Large crustacean (4)
22 Indisposed to activity (8)
23 Most bashful (6)
24 Lives (6)
25 Old name for a newt (3)

DOWN

1 Refund of part of payment (6)
2 Large beer mugs (8)
3 On the beach (6)
4 Non-clerical person (6)
5 Article in a newspaper (4)
6 Further off than (6)
11 Squeeze tightly between one's arms (3)
13 Hard and shiny (8)
14 Maths problem (3)
16 Unrefined (6)
17 Operate aircraft (6)
18 Play with one's thumbs (6)
19 Highly embellished (6)
21 Lost blood (4)

Backwards

First, block in 25 squares in a symmetrical pattern to make a completed crossword. Next, number the squares crossword-fashion (1 to 33), allowing for words Across and Down.

C	O	P	E	E	R	A	H	E	A	R
O	T	A	L	C	O	H	O	L	D	I
D	A	I	L	P	T	A	B	A	N	D
A	D	D	A	D	O	N	I	N	E	E
T	M	A	D	O	R	I	C	E	R	R
A	I	M	E	D	O	G	U	A	V	A
B	R	B	E	G	R	E	T	C	O	N
S	A	P	P	E	A	R	O	B	U	G
P	L	E	A	S	D	O	R	I	S	E
O	L	E	X	C	I	T	E	D	U	N
T	A	R	E	S	O	L	V	E	N	T

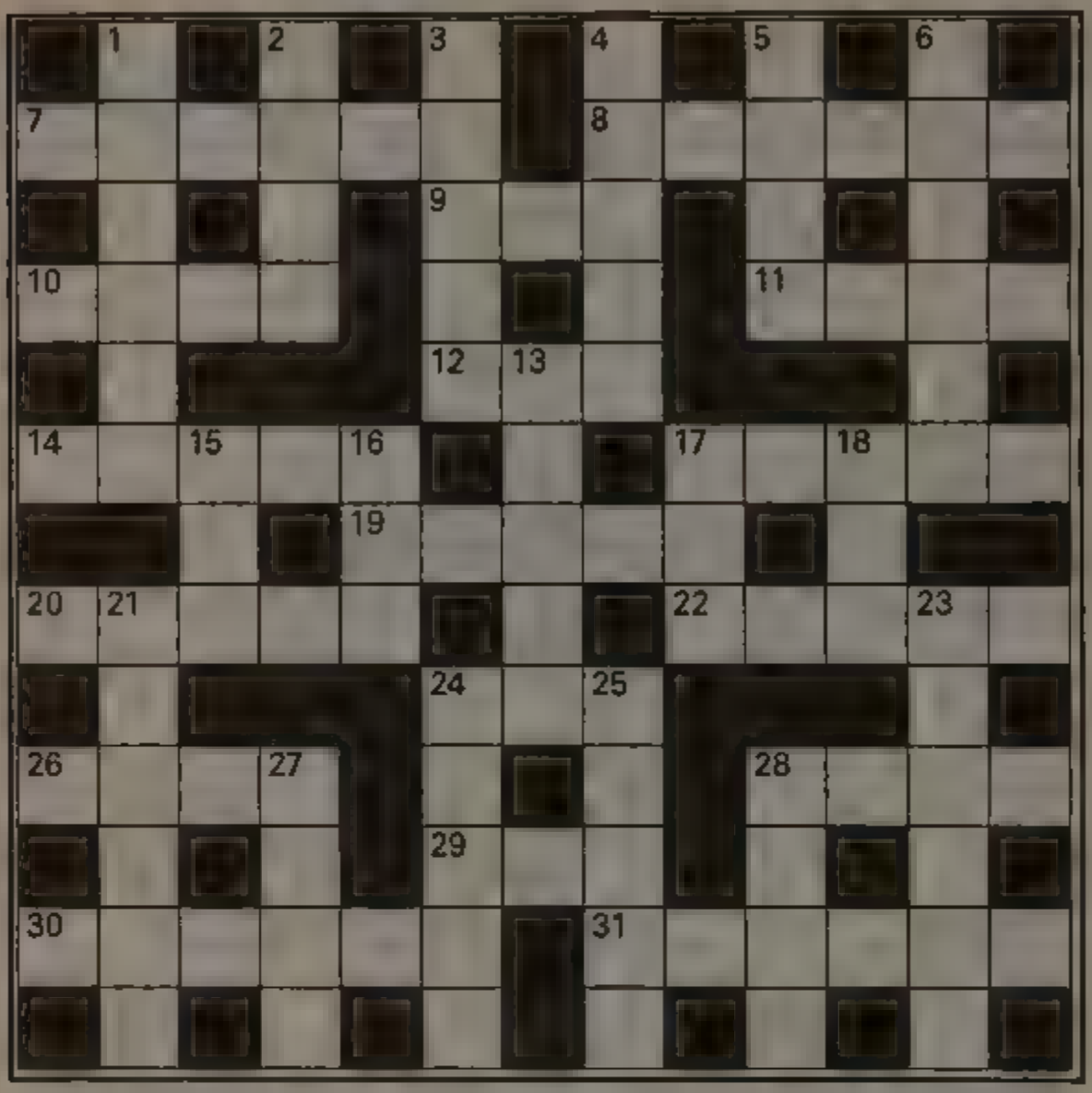
ACROSS

— Fruit
— Drain of energy
— Slope
— Put on
— Annoy
— Entreaty
— Drink
— Manage
— Moved
— Opening
— Pillar style
— Irish Parliament
— Weed
— Bird
— Group
— Listen
— Organ
— Directed
— Total
— Born

DOWN

— Wireless
— Spirit
— African country
— Nobleman
— Shaky
— Trick
— Espy
— Dwell
— Fairground treat
— British river
— Naval commander
— Helicopter part
— Sever
— Settled
— Man
— Stove
— Piece of music
— Clergyman
— Old measure
— Discontinue

Puzzler



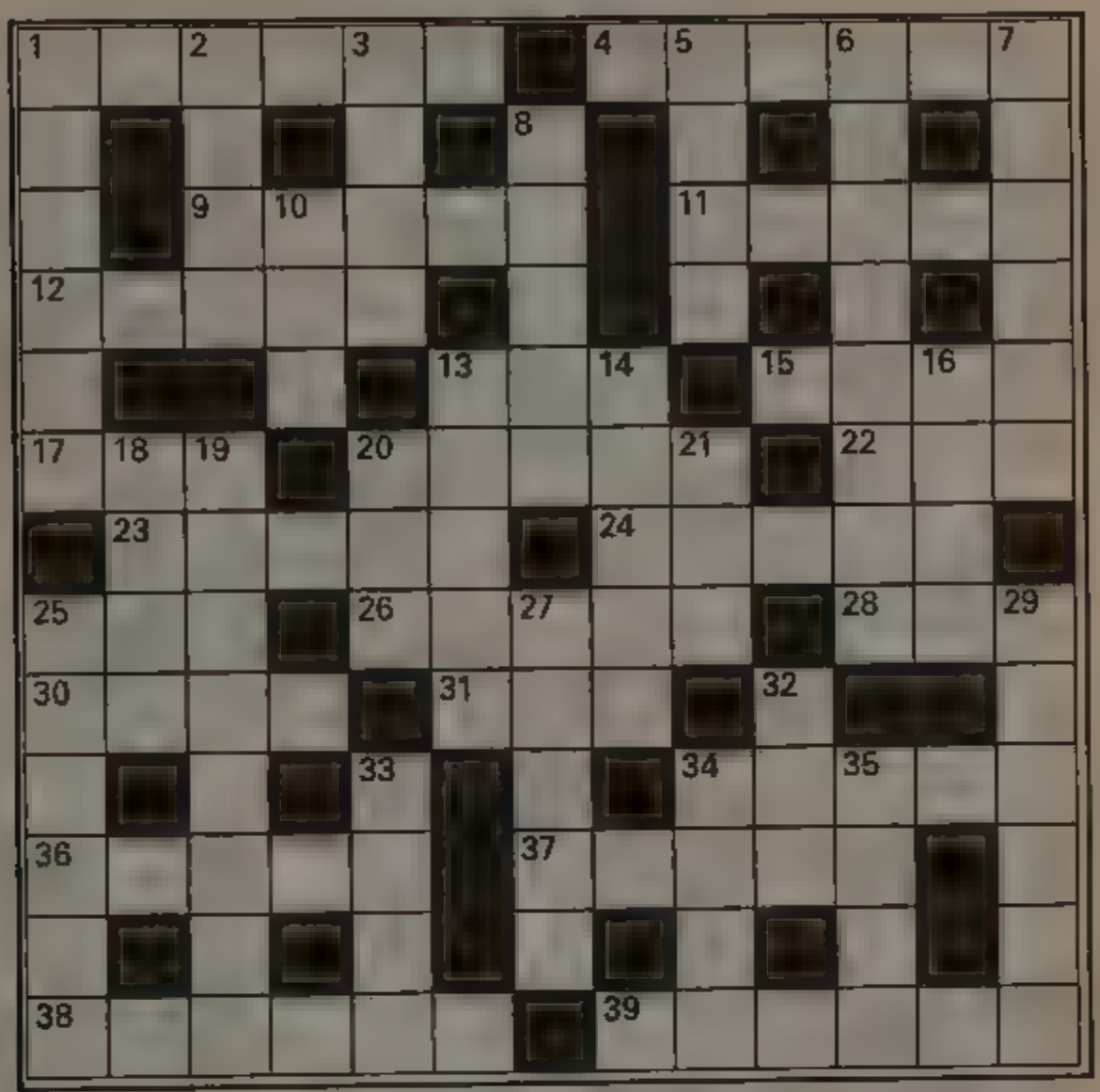
ACROSS

7 Cake from the Black Forest? (6)
8 Get on one's ___, irritate (6)
9 ___ Maria, prayer (3)
10 Cooking ranges (4)
11 Yogi ___, cartoon character (4)
12 Set of equipment (3)
14 Skilled (5)
17 Vented anger (5)
19 Silly (5)
20 Lady in cards (5)
22 Guarantee (5)
24 Male people (3)
26 90s Britpop group (4)
28 Black dust (4)
29 Also (3)
30 Kebab stick (6)
31 Decreased in size (6)

DOWN

1 Shook to and fro (6)
2 Lower limbs (4)
3 Charlatan (5)
4 Rested on the knees (5)
5 Larva (4)
6 Calm and dignified (6)
13 Very cross (5)
15 Supplement (3)
16 Metal can (3)
17 Increase engine speed (3)
18 African antelope (3)
21 With no resemblance (6)
23 Making the noise of a dove (6)
24 Type of carpentry joint (5)
25 Hangman's rope (5)
27 Arguments (4)
28 White foam of waves (4)

Puzzler



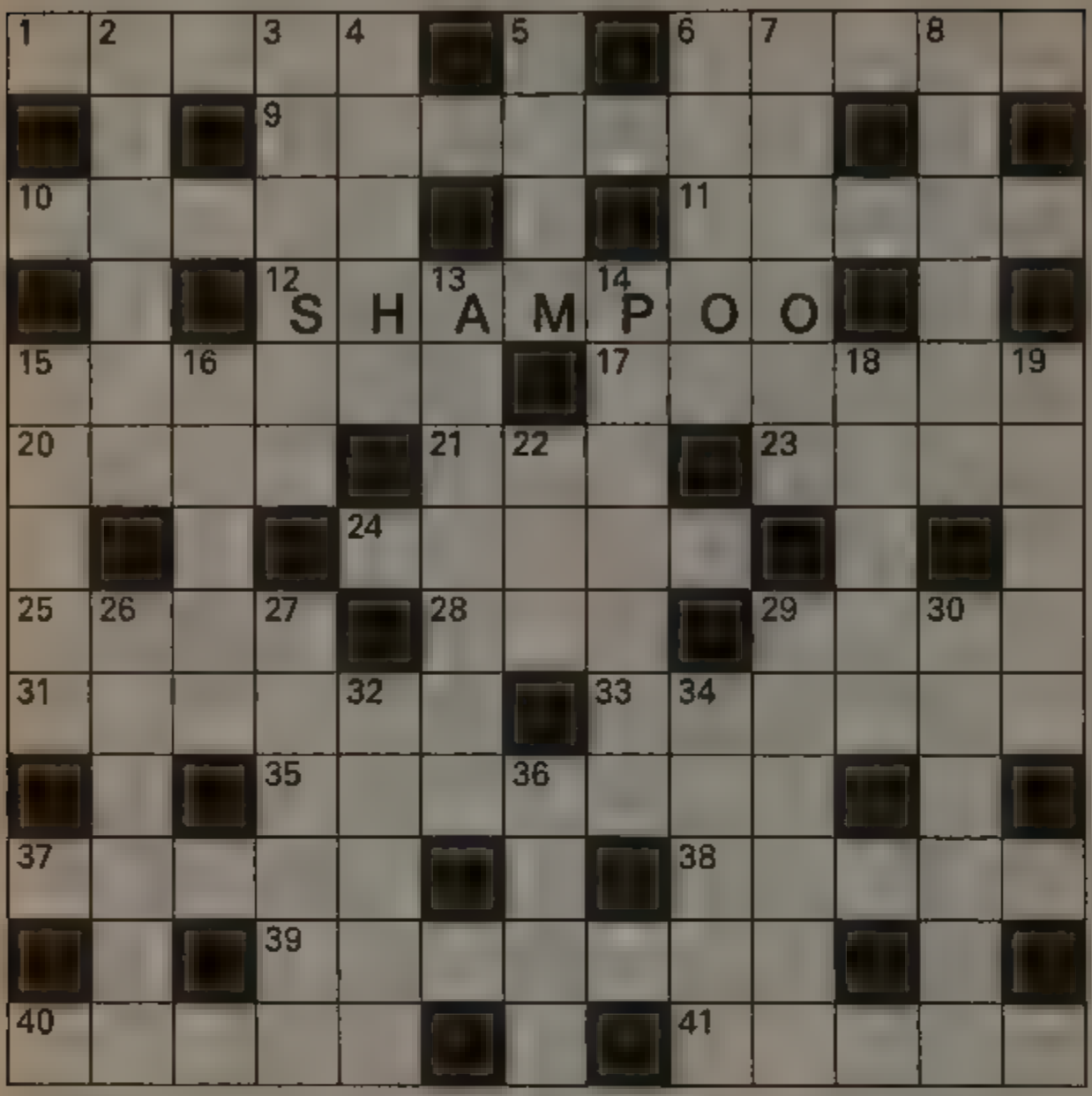
ACROSS

1 Aggressive (6)
4 Clumsy (6)
9 Probe (5)
11 Surplus to requirement (5)
12 Story of happy innocence (5)
13 Snoop (3)
15 Slimy garden creature (4)
17 One horse carriage (3)
20 Gave medicine to (5)
22 Some (3)
23 Relating to warships (5)
24 Clearly expressed, sane (5)
25 Parliamentary legislation (3)
26 Beautiful woman (5)
28 Negative (3)
30 Those people (4)
31 Female relative (abbrev) (3)
34 Mother's brother (5)
36 Loop for hanging (5)
37 Invalidate (5)
38 Childishness of old age (6)
39 Platforms (6)

DOWN

1 Seething (6)
2 Backward current (4)
3 Prison chamber (4)
5 Too (4)
6 Military clergyman (8)
7 Capacity for activity (6)
8 Apples and ___, stairs in rhyming slang (5)
10 Impish fairy (3)
13 Natives of Warsaw (5)
14 Shouts (5)
16 Unlatch (4)
18 Move extremely slowly (4)
19 Upright of an entrance (8)
20 Small brush stroke (3)
21 About to arrive (3)
25 Made reparation (6)
27 Flower or colour (5)
29 Pleasures (6)
32 Large antelope (3)
33 Mass of ice (4)
34 Single item (4)
35 Wooden shoe (4)

Dilemma



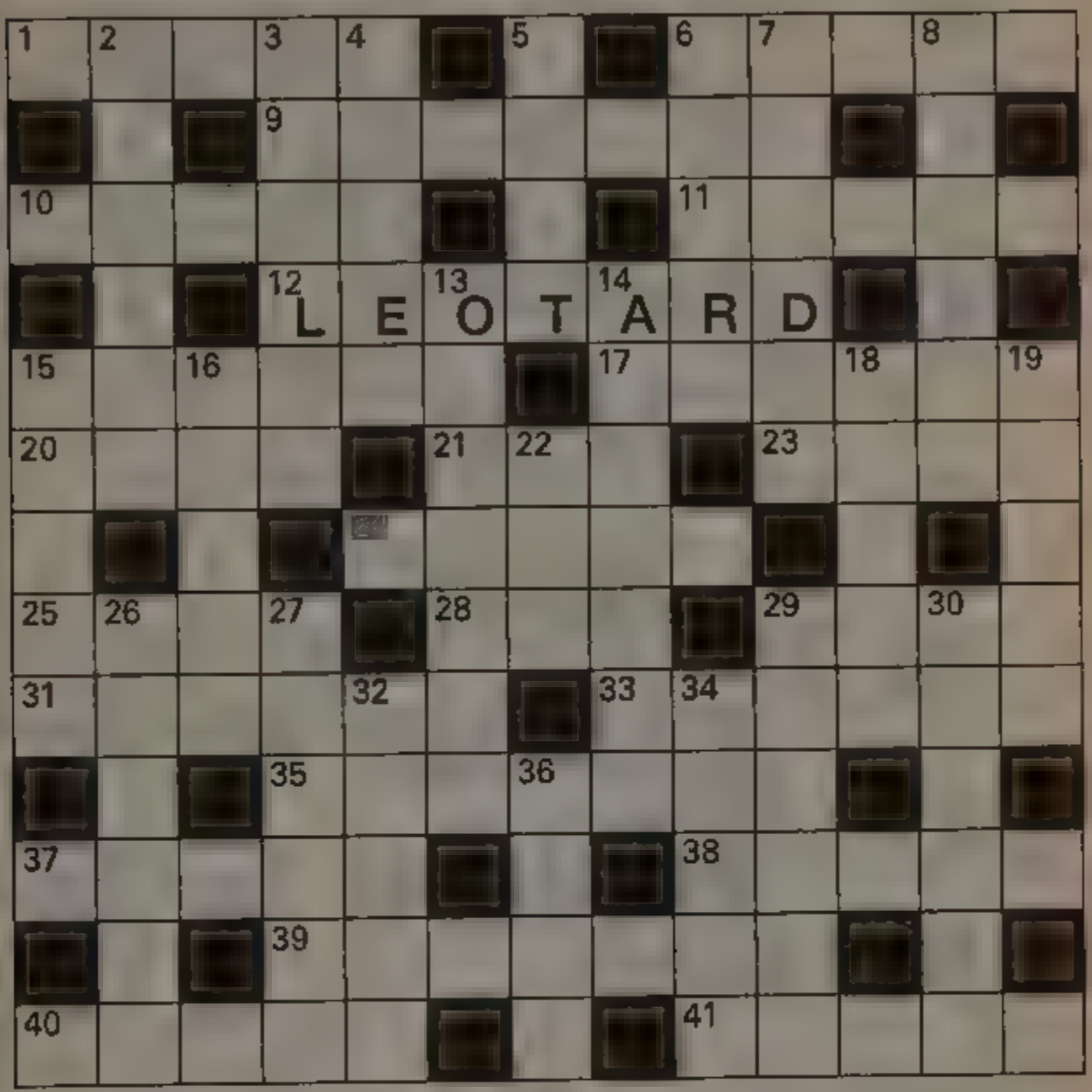
ACROSS

1 Pungent
6 Room
9 Hoarse sounding
10 Subject
11 Party
12 Skin-tight garment
15 Repeat from memory
17 Vagrant
20 Love-god
21 Furrow
23 Irish language
24 Spanish area, ____ Brava
25 Low tide
28 Total up
29 Pleased
31 Painter
33 Seldom
35 For ever
37 Motionless
38 Drive back
39 Sure
40 Pier
41 Divine being

DOWN

1 Stage performer
6 Wax light
9 Melodic
10 Nasty person
11 Dense
12 Wash hair
15 Slumbering
17 Apprehend
20 Underground stem
21 An age
23 Relief
24 Incorrect
25 Aid a crime
28 Observe
29 Mature
31 Spud
33 First batsman
35 Scales
37 Fluid measure
38 Lukewarm
39 Stretchy
40 Main drain
41 River animal

TWO STRAIGHT CROSSWORDS – BUT THEIR CLUES HAVE BEEN MIXED UP. You have to decide which clue belongs to which pattern, but two words have been entered to give you a start.

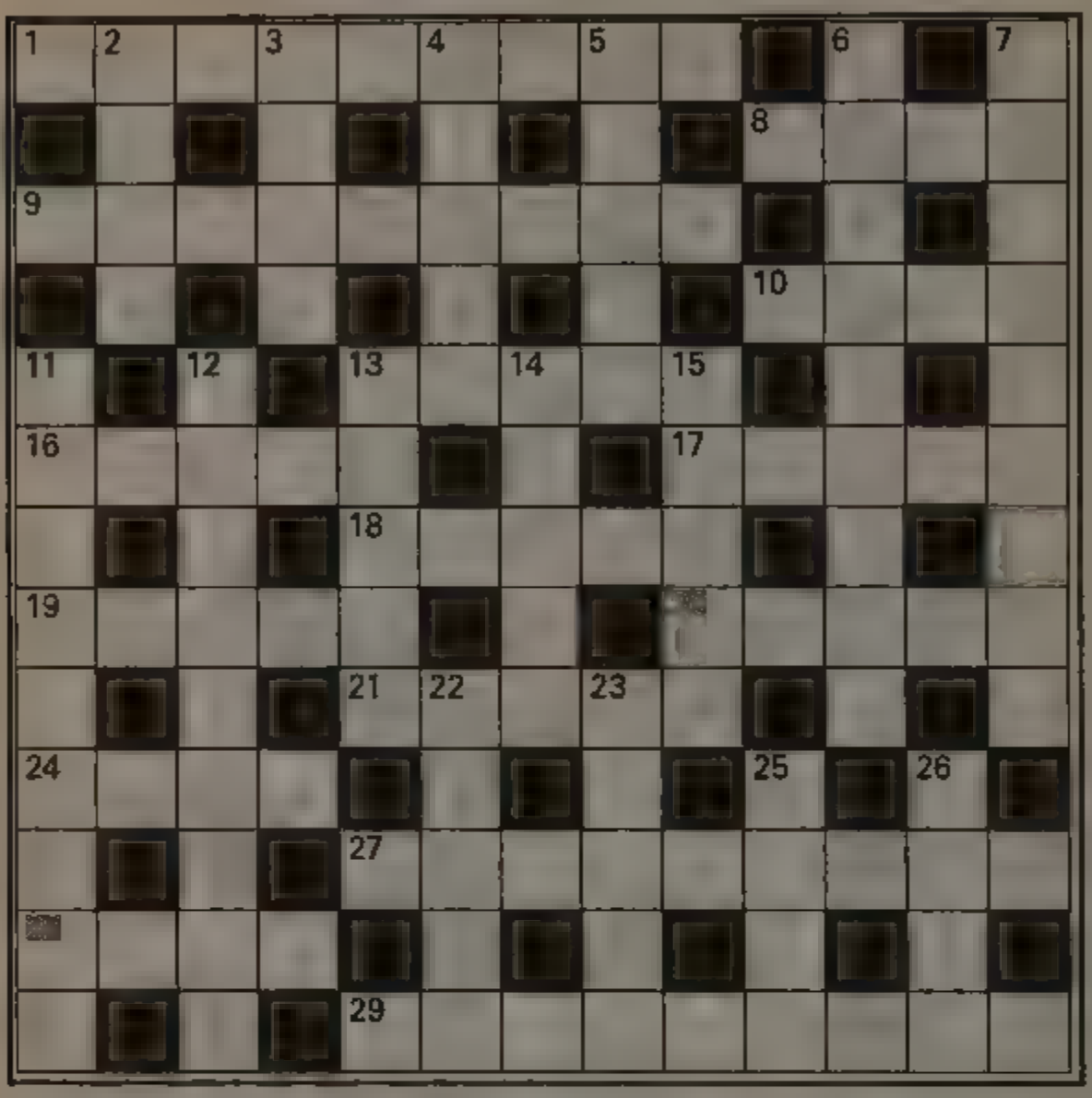


DOWN

2 Right
3 Emergency
4 India's currency
5 Present
6 Teacher
7 Promise
8 Too much
13 Work a machine
14 Design
15 Go over again
16 Greyish-green
18 Texture
19 Toy bear
22 Slender stick
26 Glass container
27 Pill
29 Hellenic country
30 Small size
32 Score
34 Paved garden area
36 Church recess

2 Famous Italian tenor
3 Egg dish
4 Sailing boat
5 Swindle
6 Cavalry sword
7 On land
8 Coarse cotton cloth
13 Spray can
14 Forsake
15 Stadium
16 Shooting star
18 Golden bird
19 Pass on to
22 Employ
26 Stoat fur
27 Stab
29 Soften
30 Queen Victoria's consort
32 Guide
34 Bitter
36 Speed

Puzzler



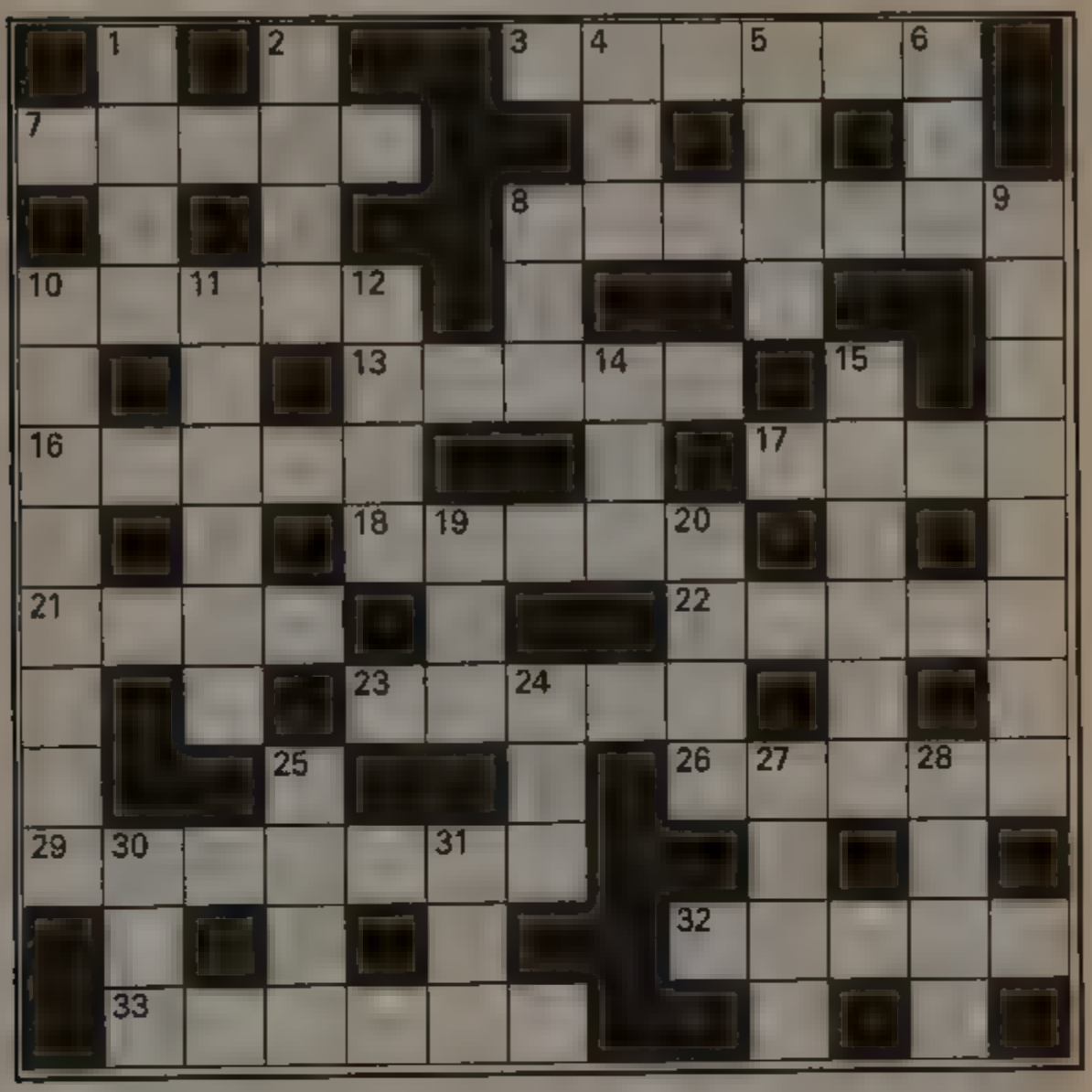
ACROSS

1 Utterly different (9)
8 Parasitic insects (4)
9 Thin protective outer layer of skin (9)
10 Warm and comfortable (4)
13 Outer part of bread (5)
16 Musician present at most Scottish events (5)
17 Eighth letter of the alphabet (5)
18 Communion table (5)
19 Land that is nearest the sea (5)
20 Brief (5)
21 Water jugs (5)
24 Nominate (4)
27 Animating (9)
28 Wash-basin (4)
29 Eddy (9)

DOWN

2 Mischievous children (4)
3 Pea shells (4)
4 Scarcer (5)
5 Cuts sparingly (5)
6 Treaty participant (9)
7 Longer (9)
11 Piquancy (9)
12 Chewing-gum flavour (9)
13 Packing-case (5)
14 Unlace (5)
15 Flans (5)
22 Maid-servant (5)
23 Stronger-smelling (5)
25 Inanimate stage object (4)
26 The 'A' in AD (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

3 Climbs (6)
7 Use money (5)
8 Overseas postal system (7)
10 Money-lending (5)
13 Gather (5)
16 Backpacker (5)
17 Dry and withered (4)
18 Clothes airer (5)
21 Primates (4)
22 Undisguised (5)
23 Things (5)
26 Correct (5)
29 Jewelled headbands (7)
32 Cold and frosty (5)
33 Open ___, magician's command (6)

DOWN

1 (Musical) work (4)
2 Old name for a pound note (4)
4 Sash on a kimono (3)
5 Unfeeling (4)
6 Travel down the piste (3)
8 Turkish commander (3)
9 Spoke mournfully of (8)
10 Without warmth (8)
11 Cost of maintaining (6)
12 Measure of 36 inches (4)
14 Behold (3)
15 Go back on (6)
19 Plague-carrying animal (3)
20 English flower (4)
24 Regimental flag (abbrev) (3)
25 Betting chances (4)
27 Female servant (4)
28 Dozes (4)
30 ___ *All Over Now*, Stones hit (3)
31 Female parent (3)

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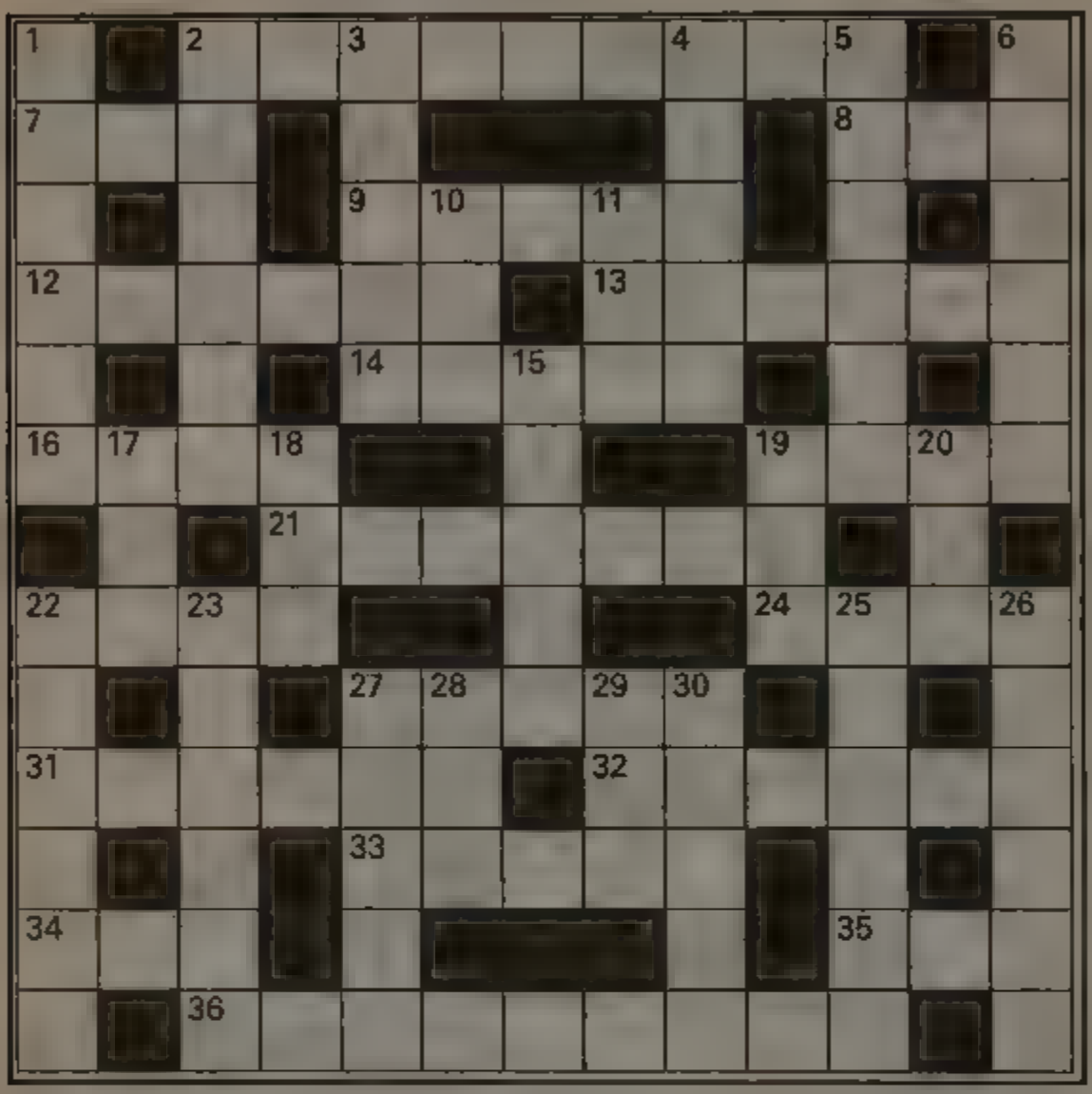

ACROSS

2 Celestial body in orbit around another (9)
7 Partake of food (3)
8 Past (3)
9 Former levies on property (5)
12 Distressing (6)
13 Came together (coll) (6)
14 Wooden shoe, worn by French peasants (5)
16 Achieved without great effort (4)
19 Horse-breeding establishment (4)
21 Surpassed (7)
22 Paradise (4)
24 Painting, music etc (4)
27 Puts a question (5)
31 Warmer (6)
32 Made one's way (6)
33 Flowed back (5)
34 Afterwards (3)
35 Harper ___, author of *To Kill A Mockingbird* (3)
36 At a different location (9)

DOWN

1 Set of cooking instructions (6)
2 Prizes (6)
3 Swivels (5)
4 Page within a page (5)
5 Young erne (6)
6 Pleated (6)
10 Turkish ruler (3)
11 'I' (3)
15 Portends (5)
17 As well as (3)
18 Those, at a distance (3)
19 All at ___, at a loss (3)
20 Last (abbrev) (3)
22 Resounded (6)
23 Area of housing (6)
25 Puzzling question (6)
26 Edged up to (6)
27 Removes skin (5)
28 Small ornamental sphere (3)
29 Lamb's mother (3)
30 Type of fly or plant (5)

Spiral

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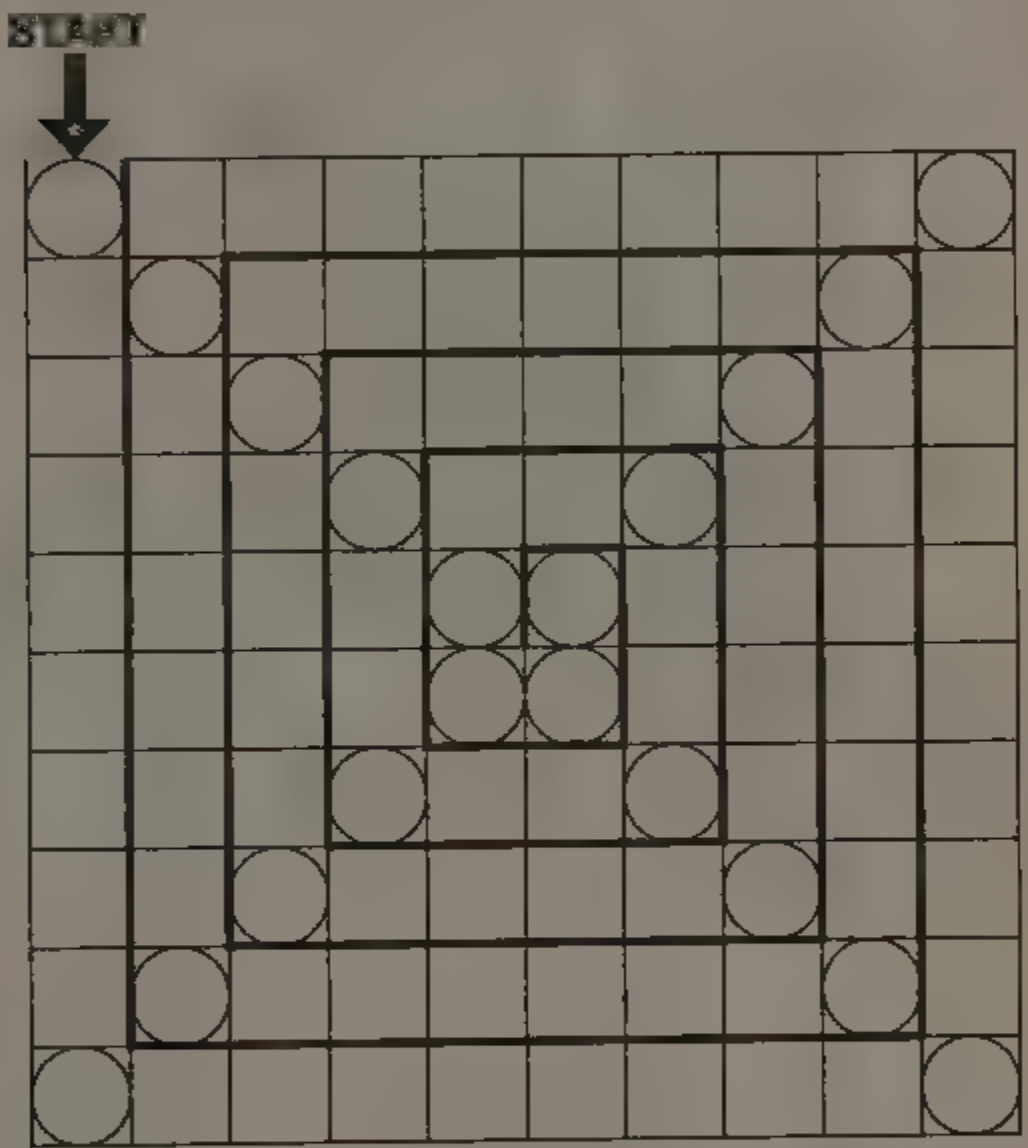
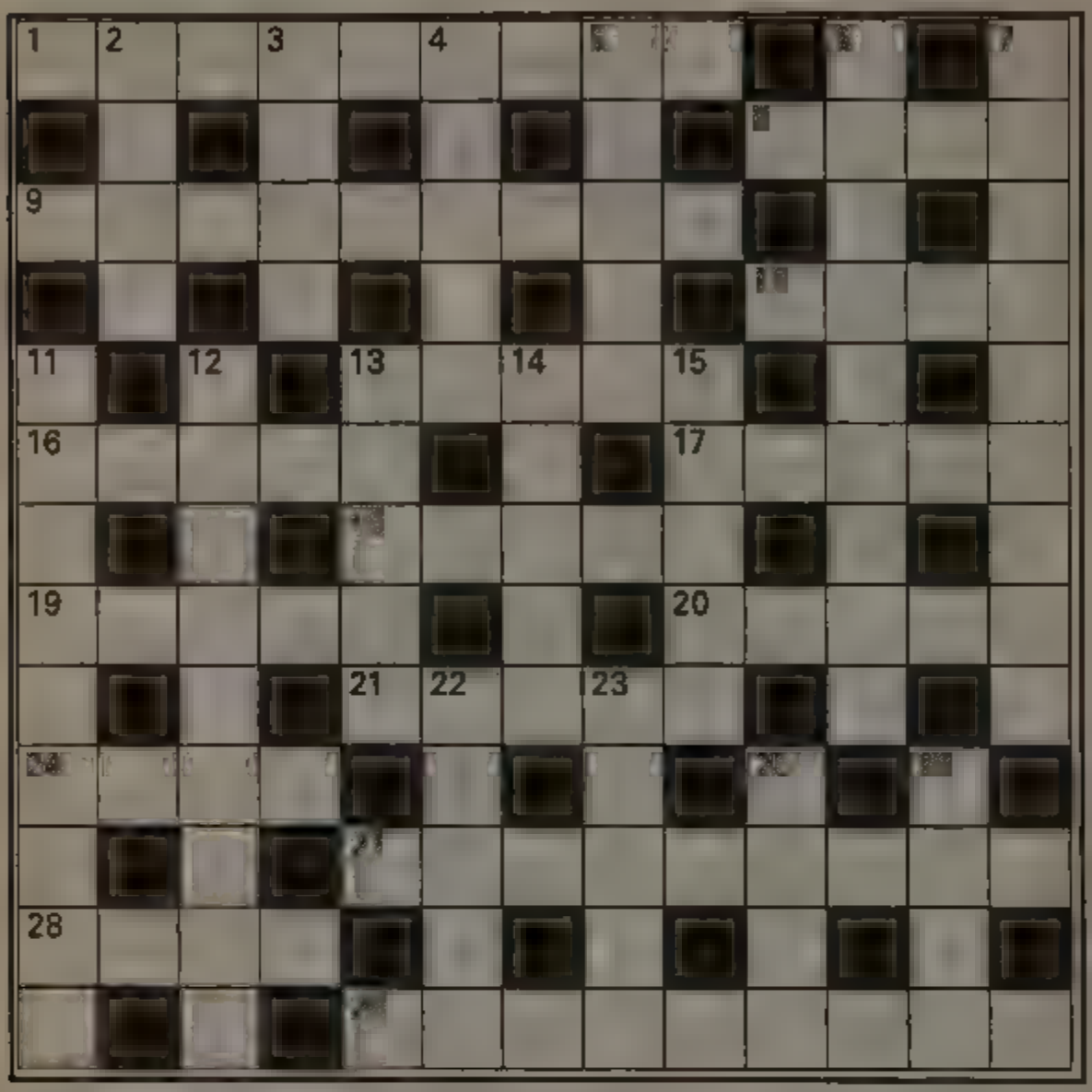


- Hard Italian cheese (8)
- NE English county (14)
- College certificate (7)
- Part of the day (9)
- Highly strung (7)
- Casualty carrier (9)
- — Reagan, former president (6)
- Musical instrument (4)
- Telephone/computer link (5)
- Spanish lace scarf (8)
- S American country (9)
- Land suitable for crops (6)
- Puzzle (6)
- Pester (5)
- Old huntsman's cry (6)
- Health resort (3)
- Assists law breaking (4)

Puzzler



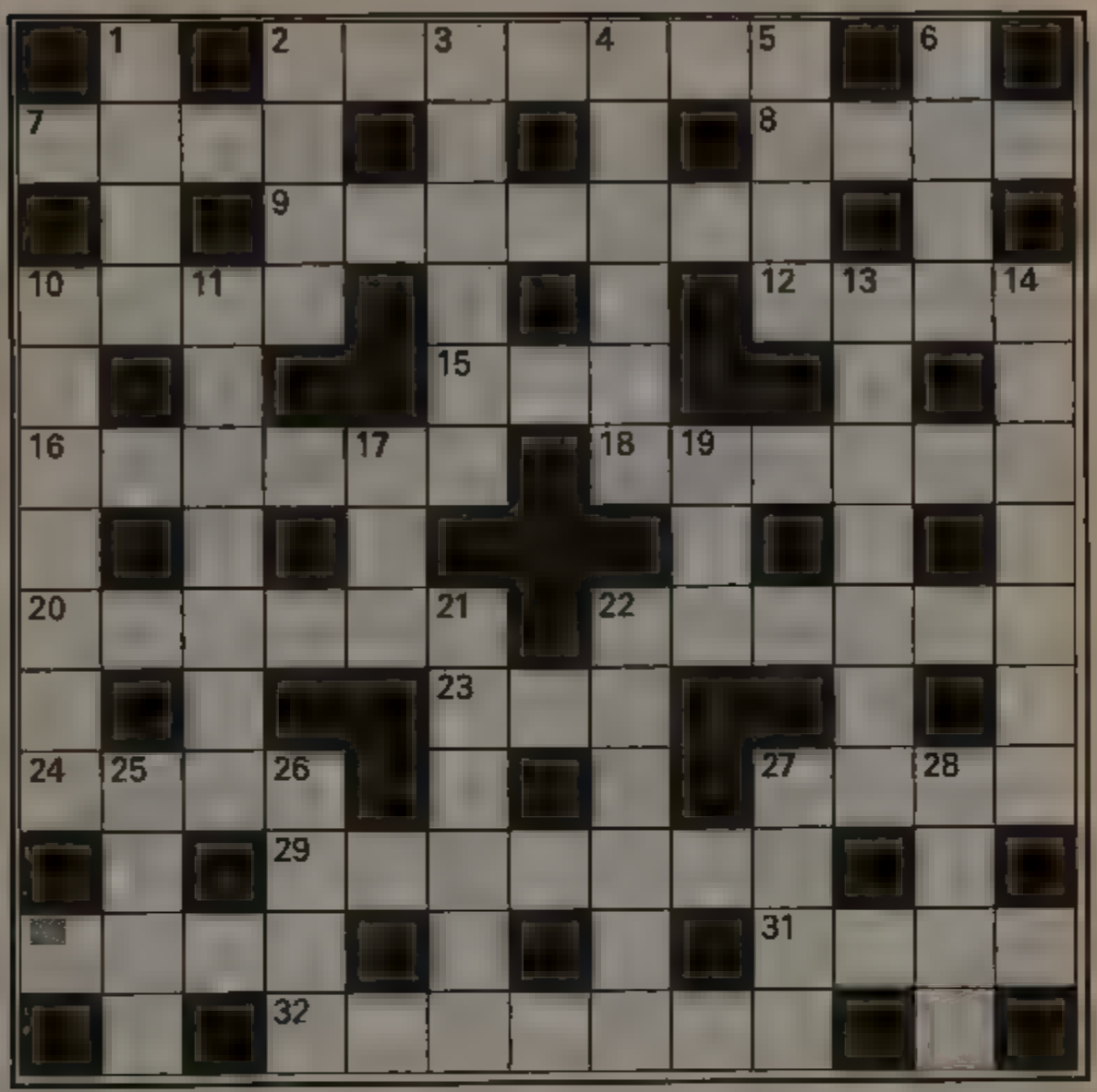
ACROSS

1 Farming implement (9)
8 Middle of the leg (4)
9 Else (9)
10 Fermented grape juice (4)
13 Employing (5)
16 Exterior (5)
17 Jumps (5)
18 Opening in a wood (5)
19 Idiotic (5)
20 Capable (5)
21 Large, lidded beer mug (5)
24 At a great distance (4)
27 Famous biplane (5, 4)
28 Days before festivals (4)
29 Young animals (9)

DOWN

2 '___ the Valley of Death...' (Tennyson) (4)
3 Ship's workforce (4)
4 Poultry (5)
5 Substance obtained from tree sap (5)
6 Is a token of (9)
7 Imperative need or indispensable thing (9)
11 Thought (9)
12 Tactic (9)
13 Encourages (5)
14 Very angry (5)
15 Acquire facts in small amounts (5)
22 Double (5)
23 Not moving (5)
25 Prefix meaning 'all' (4)
26 ___ party, pre-wedding occasion (4)

Puzzler



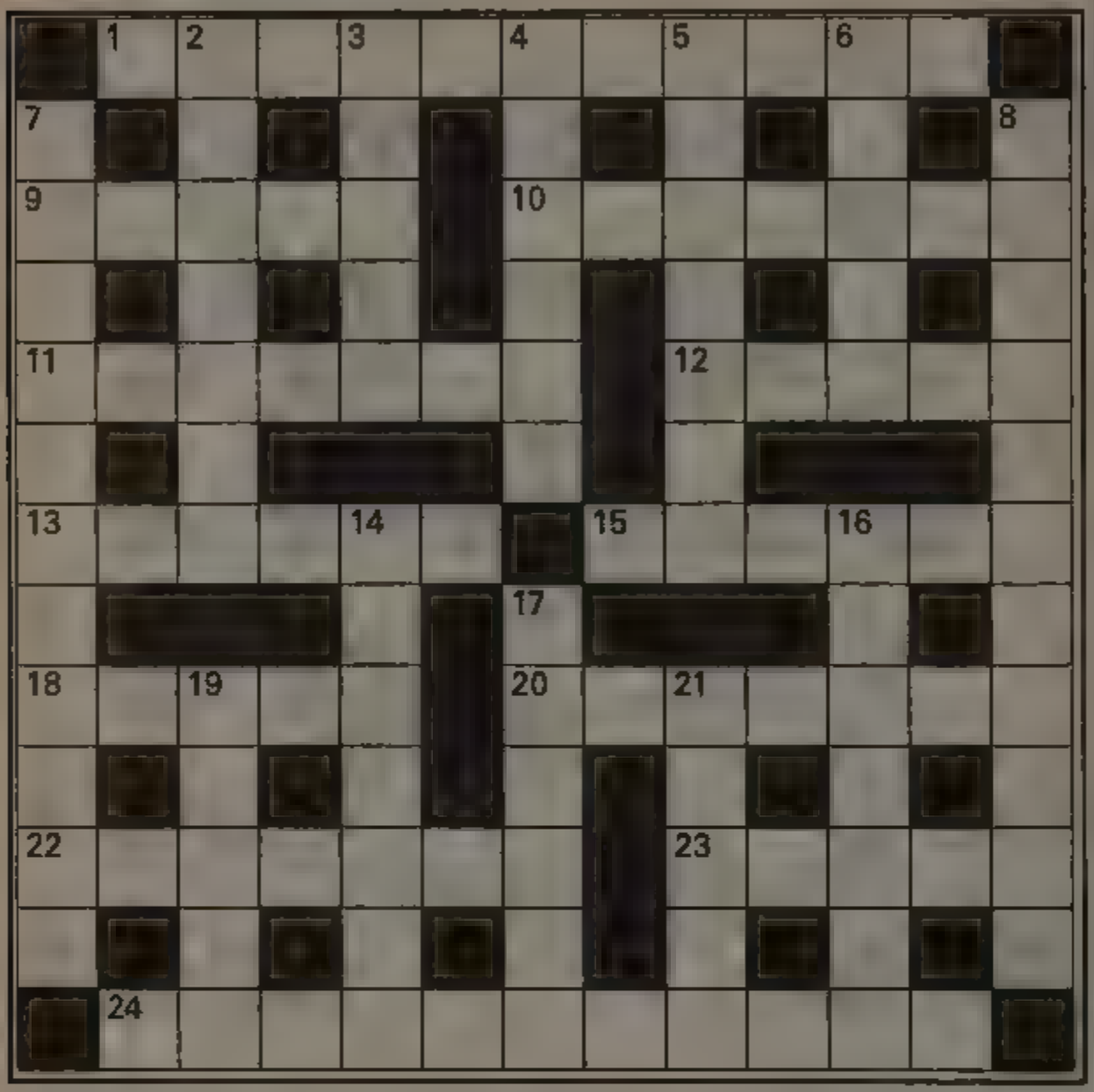
ACROSS

2 It makes the heart grow fonder (7)
7 Electrical units (abbrev) (4)
8 Smallest tide (4)
9 Interrupted jeeringly (7)
10 ___ *Love*, Nana Mouskouri hit single (4)
12 Thin piece of wood (4)
15 Very long period of time (3)
16 Morsel (6)
18 Observing (6)
20 Grieves for (6)
22 Show off (6)
23 ___ Aviv, seaport of Israel (3)
24 Suitable (4)
27 Plant used as foliage in flower arranging (4)
29 Supreme commander of a fleet (7)
30 Person operating a computer (4)
31 Largest deer (4)
32 Wrestled (7)

DOWN

1 Sign of things to come (4)
2 Grey (4)
3 Hole into which a plug can be inserted (6)
4 Stockings (6)
5 Ceases (4)
6 Festival (4)
10 Best (7)
11 Salad plant with crisp leaves (7)
13 Freedom from occupation (7)
14 Constrict (7)
17 Small hotel (3)
19 Mate (coll) (3)
21 Part of a wicket (6)
22 Of flowers (6)
25 Otherwise (4)
26 Sharp (4)
27 Ran away (4)
28 Toothed tool (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

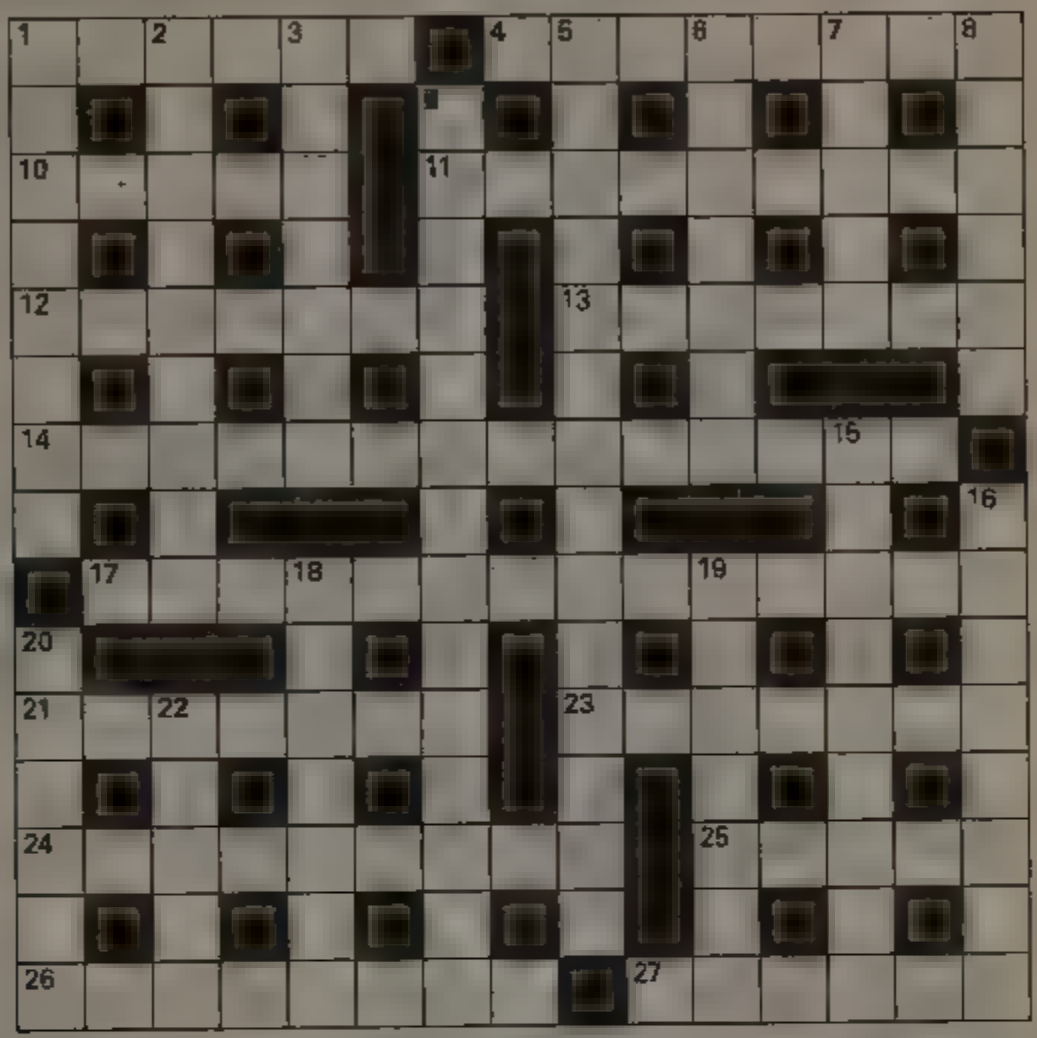
1 All the time (11)
9 Song of praise (5)
10 Mix a deck of cards (7)
11 Fortress (7)
12 Took exams again (5)
13 Non-expert (6)
15 Sniff or whimper (6)
18 Utensils (5)
20 Excerpt (7)
22 Continue longer than expected (7)
23 Reject with contempt (5)
24 Small house or flat (11)

DOWN

2 Accurately (7)
3 Indicated by gesture (5)
4 Snuggle (6)
5 Atomic particle with no electrical charge (7)
6 Elevators (5)
7 Conjecture (11)
8 Airing (11)
14 Gives confidence (7)
16 Railway bridge (7)
17 Long streamer (6)
19 Last Greek letter (5)
21 Savour (5)

CRYPTIC

A full-blooded cryptic puzzle



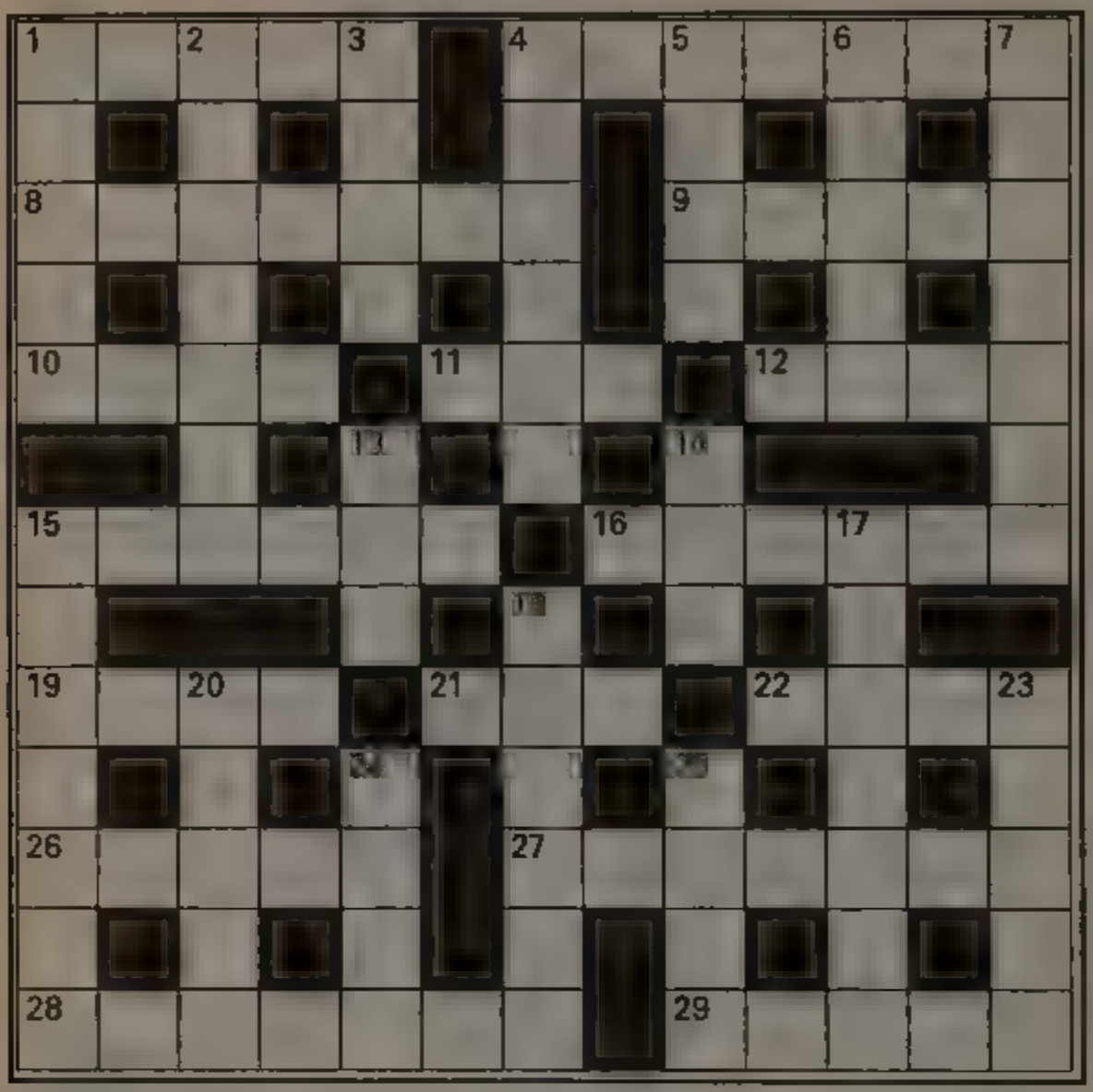
ACROSS

1 Got out of date pedals exchanged (6)
4 Refuse to acknowledge Diana's request (8)
10 Governor then grasps the point (5)
11 Careless possibilities of a pop record (3-2-4)
12 Most of the good fortune I left with the French lady (7)
13 North American bird first found in Italian city (7)
14 All events of course are listed in it (6, 8)
17 Not surprisingly they come after the age of consent (9, 5)
21 Scratch the middle of the magazine (4-3)
23 Caterer upset in a domestic row (7)
24 No French representative, he isn't in the club (3-6)
25 A tax popular with racegoers (5)
26 Lorry driver finds a Frenchman in another street (8)
27 Name is changed of French city (6)

DOWN

1 Accommodating countryman? (8)
2 According to one on a bike, it is a layer of plant tissue (9)
3 Stepwise arrangement of hierarchy? (7)
5 Fabricated party lantern ie out of this world (14)
6 Article linking two vehicles to make a third (7)
7 Bring into line some infernal ignoramuses (5)
8 Lose many a Scottish island (6)
9 Copperhead! (5, 9)
15 Snowdrop? (9)
16 Like finest, outsized fireproof material (8)
18 Sole sin committed by beastly female (7)
19 A marine goes three feet first along part of a ship's spar (4-3)
20 Put a peg in the instrument (6)
22 In disarray, Daniel loses point to the lady (5)

Puzzler



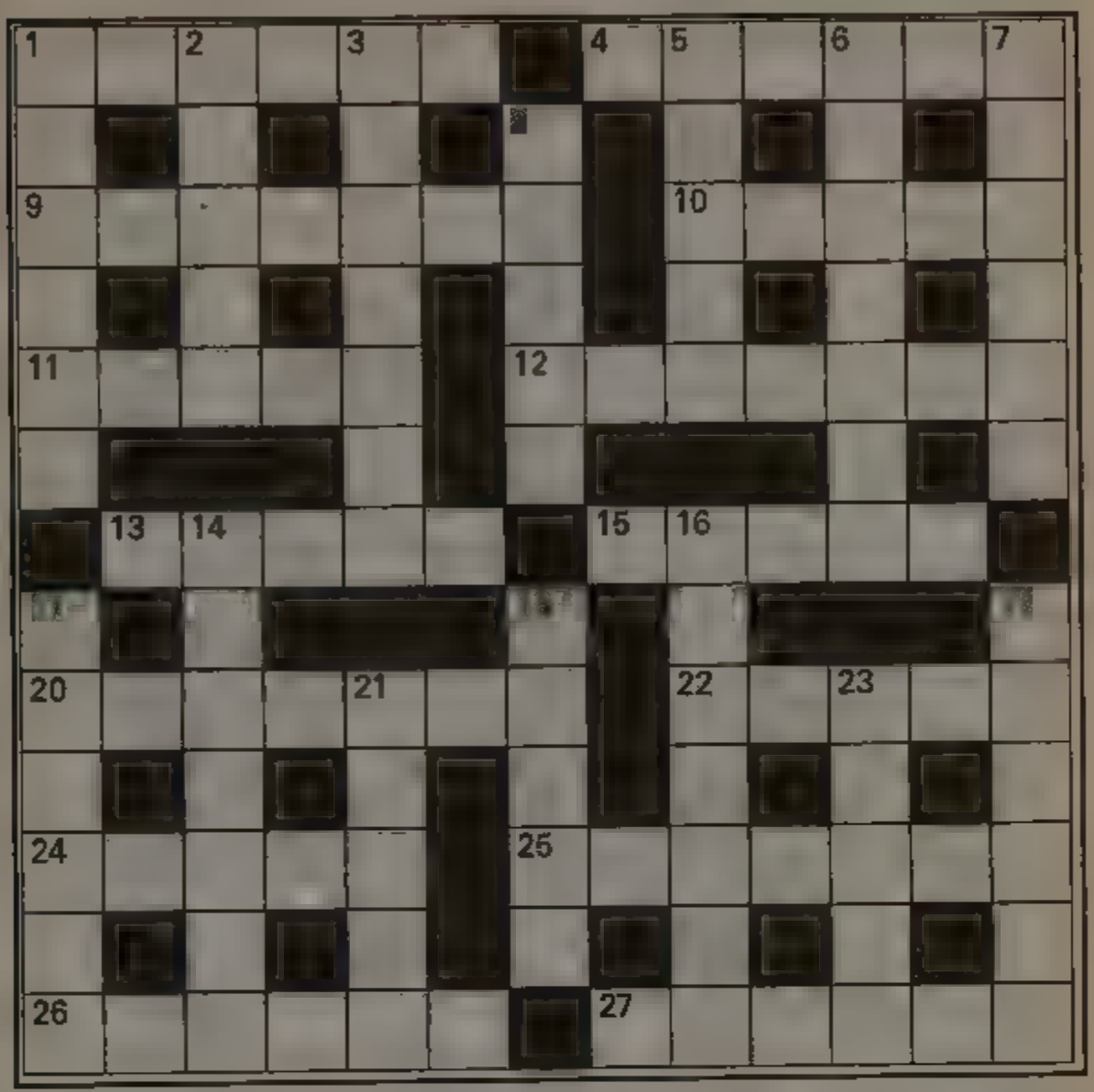
ACROSS

1 Indistinct (5)
4 Braggart (7)
8 Residue (7)
9 Take place (5)
10 Repeat (4)
11 Wart or cyst (3)
12 Wound with a knife (4)
15 Spies (6)
16 Orange vegetable (6)
19 Not closed (4)
21 Sol (3)
22 Spoken exam (4)
26 Rising agent (5)
27 Lodger (7)
28 Chose through ballot (7)
29 Staple food of Italy (5)

DOWN

1 Grass border along a road (5)
2 Galosh or sneaker (7)
3 Give out, as radiation (4)
4 More occupied (6)
5 Later (4)
6 Implied (5)
7 Welsh ___, cheese on toast (7)
13 Pigpen (3)
14 Major armed conflict (3)
15 Faithful follower (7)
17 Screen or panelling behind an altar (7)
18 Waterproofed (leather) (6)
20 Delete (5)
23 Immature caterpillar (5)
24 Restore after marking for deletion (4)
25 Angel's instrument? (4)

Puzzler



ACROSS

1 Wishing (6)
4 Fold (6)
9 Renders defenceless (7)
10 Alternate (5)
11 Female relative (5)
12 Starters (7)
13 Young kangaroos (5)
15 Come to a point (5)
20 Useful tools (7)
22 Strong rope or chain (5)
24 Part of a shooting target (5)
25 Worse off (7)
26 Abundance (6)
27 One in contact with the 'other side' (6)

DOWN

1 Concealing (6)
2 Thick liquid (5)
3 Place for young children (7)
5 Perch (5)
6 Contender in events of physical competition (7)
7 Departure (6)
8 Door-keeper (5)
14 Number showing position in a group (7)
16 Bows and arrows sport (7)
17 Eyeing lecherously (6)
18 Utilising (5)
19 Decimal system of weights and measures (6)
21 Blunder (5)
23 Constructed (5)

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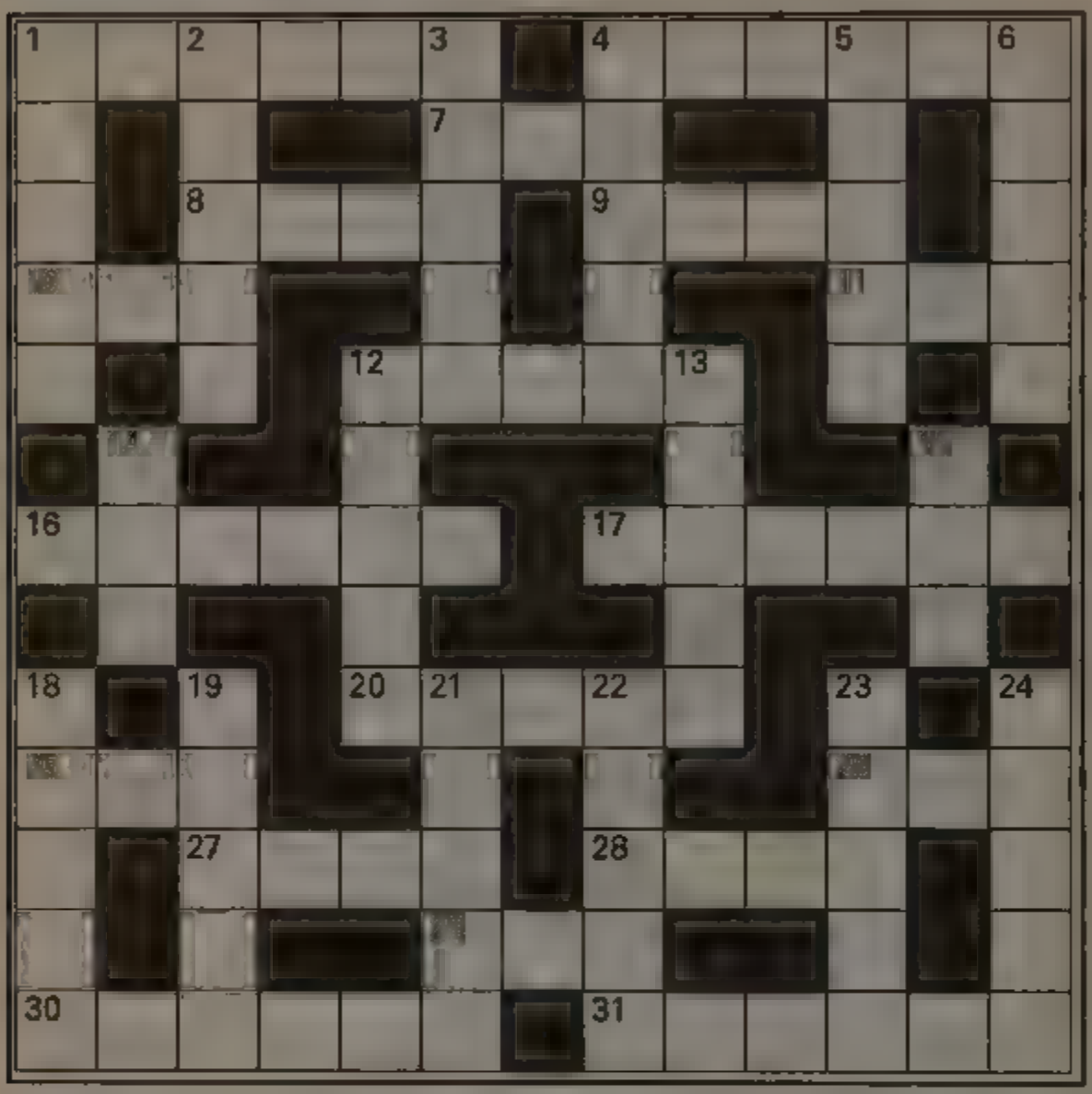


ACROSS

1 Shatters (6)
4 Besides (6)
7 Design by computer (inits) (3)
8 Low-pitched brass instrument (4)
9 Above (4)
10 Past, gone (3)
11 Dine (3)
12 Donkeys (5)
16 Civilised and just (6)
17 Entraps (6)
20 Sources of light (5)
25 Carp-like fish (3)
26 Frozen confection (3)
27 Trademark (4)
28 Give out (4)
29 Lard, for instance (3)
30 Imagined (6)
31 Faculties of sight, smell, etc (6)

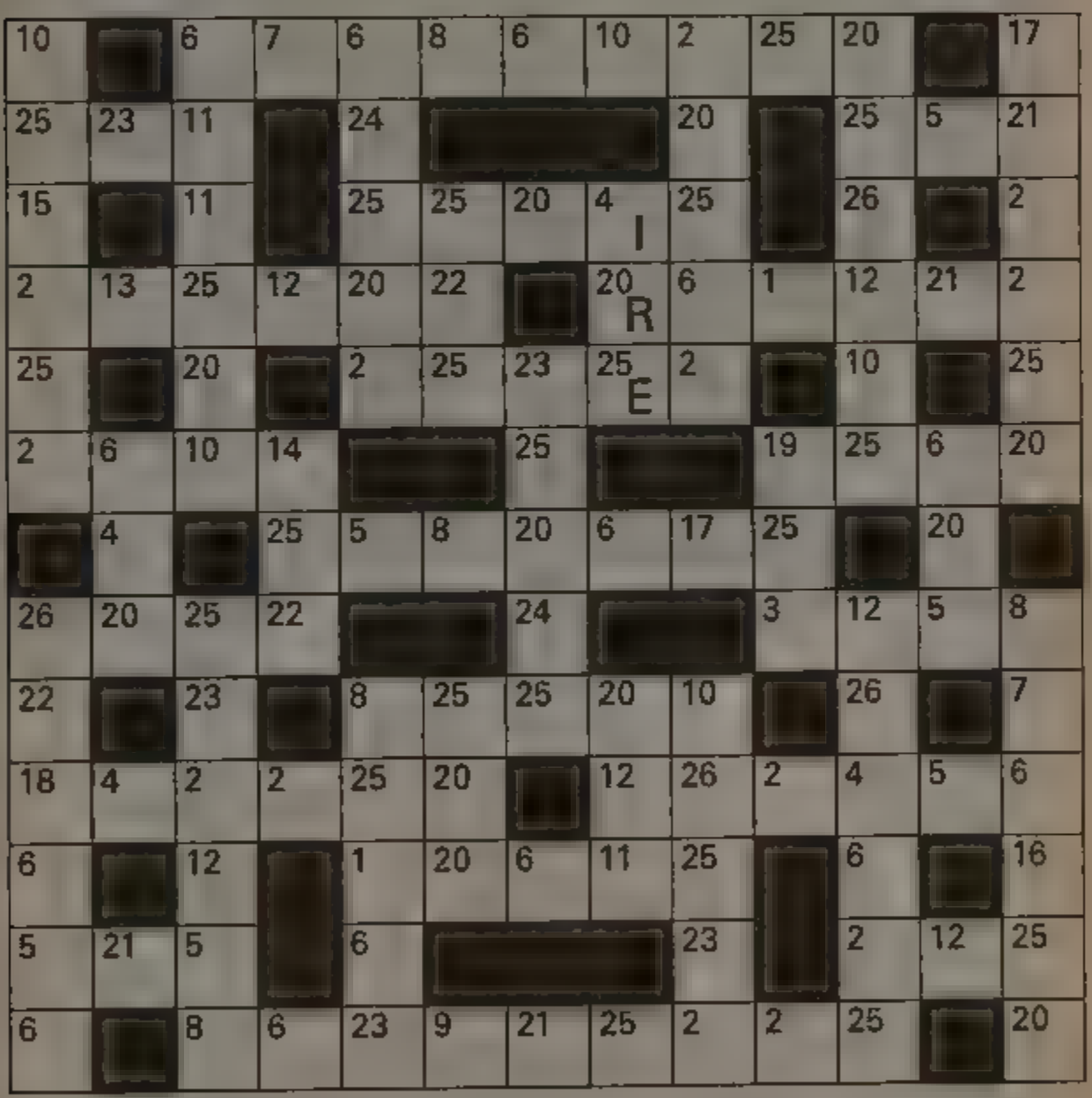
DOWN

1 Cheerless (5)
2 Praise (5)
3 Crusts on wounds (5)
4 Love intensely (5)
5 Chartered (5)
6 Loses energy (5)
12 Negate (5)
13 Beaches (5)
14 Central point at the core of a problem (3)
15 Beer barrel (3)
18 Enjoyed (5)
19 Probe (5)
21 Up top (5)
22 Writers of verse (5)
23 Fingerless gloves (abbrev) (5)
24 Sheds tears (5)

Keyword

This puzzle has no clues in the conventional sense. Instead, every different number printed in the main grid represents a different letter (with the same number always representing the same letter, of course). For example, if 17 turns out to be a 'V', you can write in V wherever a square contains 17.

We have completed a very small part of the puzzle to give you a start, but the rest is up to you!



(The small grid is provided for ease of reference only.)

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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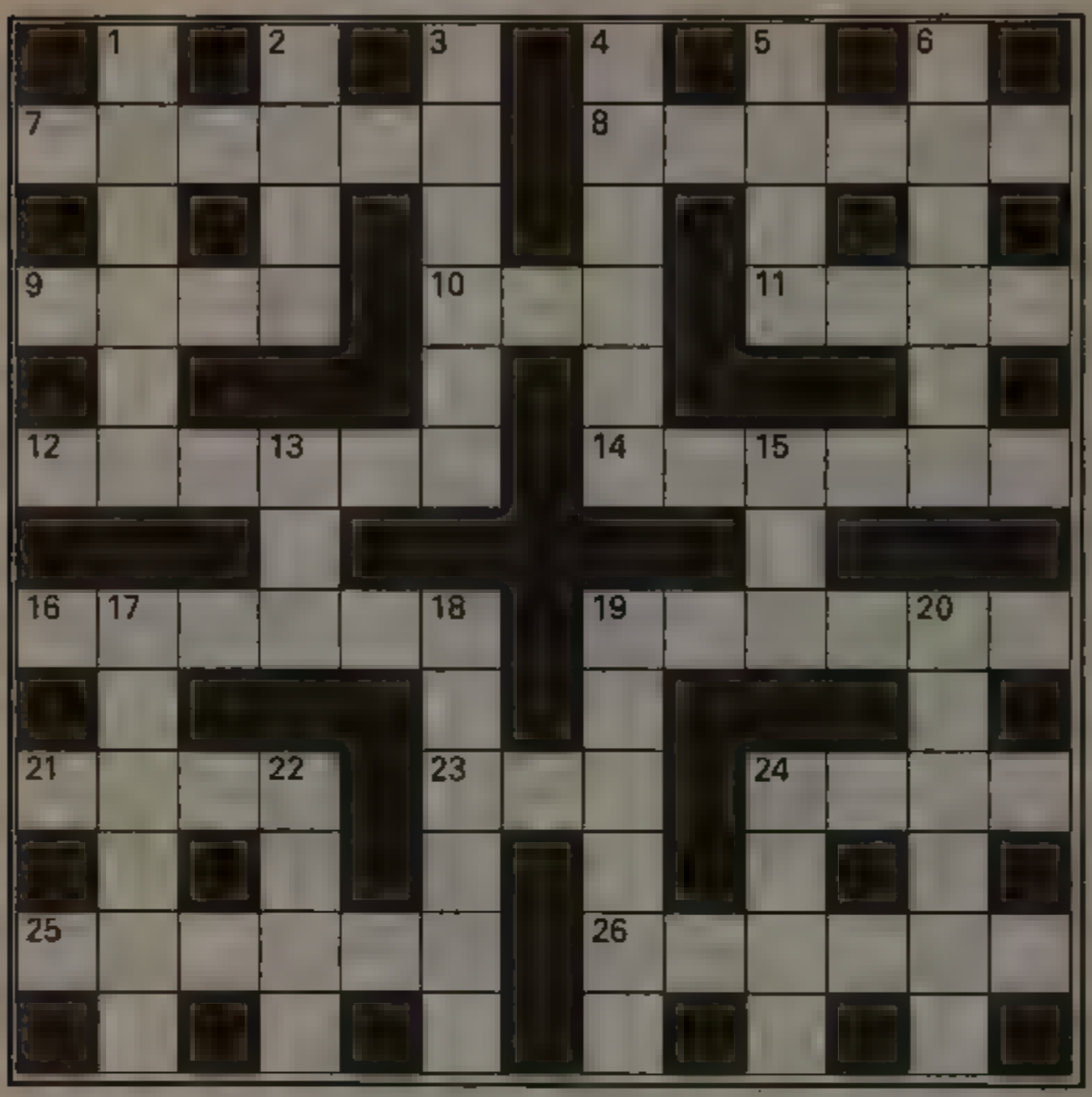

ACROSS

7 Constructs (6)
8 Dominion (6)
9 Cooking chamber (4)
10 Legal system (3)
11 House entrance (4)
12 Magazine chief (6)
14 In the direction of (6)
16 Physical exertion (6)
19 Ran at a slow pace for health purposes (6)
21 In addition (4)
23 Animal used for truffle-hunting (3)
24 Sturdy shoe (4)
25 James Bond's martini: ___, not stirred (6)
26 Dodges (6)

DOWN

1 Arched (6)
2 Scottish valley (4)
3 Tavern's groom (6)
4 Plover with characteristic cry (6)
5 Slang term for potato (4)
6 Knight's suit (6)
13 Couple (3)
15 Hair-piece (3)
17 Very dirty (6)
18 Part of a secretary's job (6)
19 ___ *Edge*, film starring Glenn Close (6)
20 Wears away (6)
22 Japanese alcoholic drink (4)
24 Britpop band (4)

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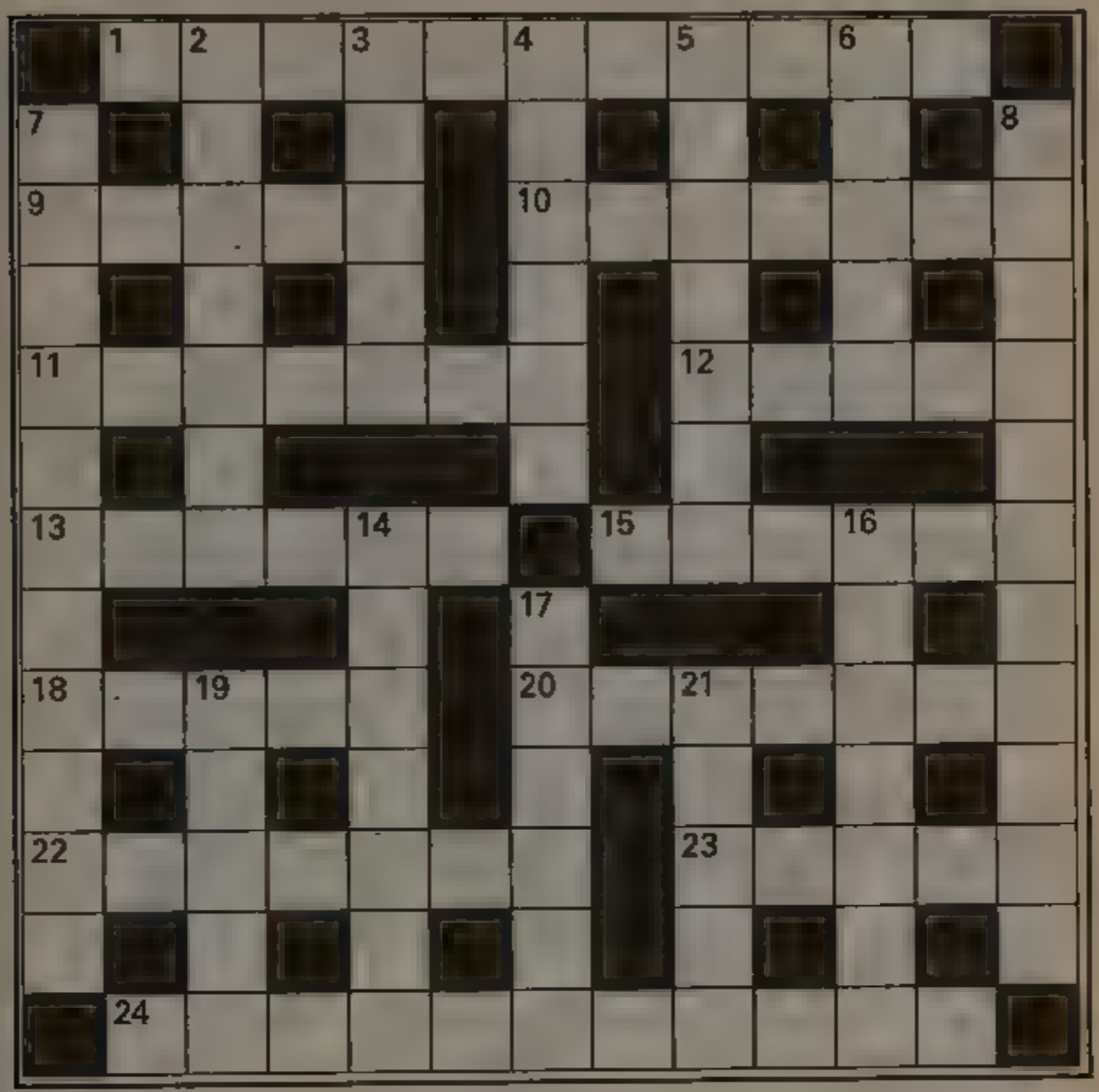

ACROSS

1 Destruction (11)
9 Indicate (5)
10 In football, an illegal position (7)
11 Deep red (7)
12 Ant (5)
13 Incises (6)
15 Uncovering (6)
18 Private teacher (5)
20 Courtly (7)
22 Costumes (7)
23 Tolerate (5)
24 Having an alert intelligence (5-6)

DOWN

2 Version of a book (7)
3 Singing voices (5)
4 Sharp spikes on plants (6)
5 Evening-gown fabric (7)
6 Drug extracted from some types of poppies (5)
7 Conjecture (11)
8 Informal meeting (coll) (3-8)
14 Sooner (7)
16 Form a mental picture of (7)
17 Teeter (6)
19 Very small person (coll) (5)
21 Praise highly (5)

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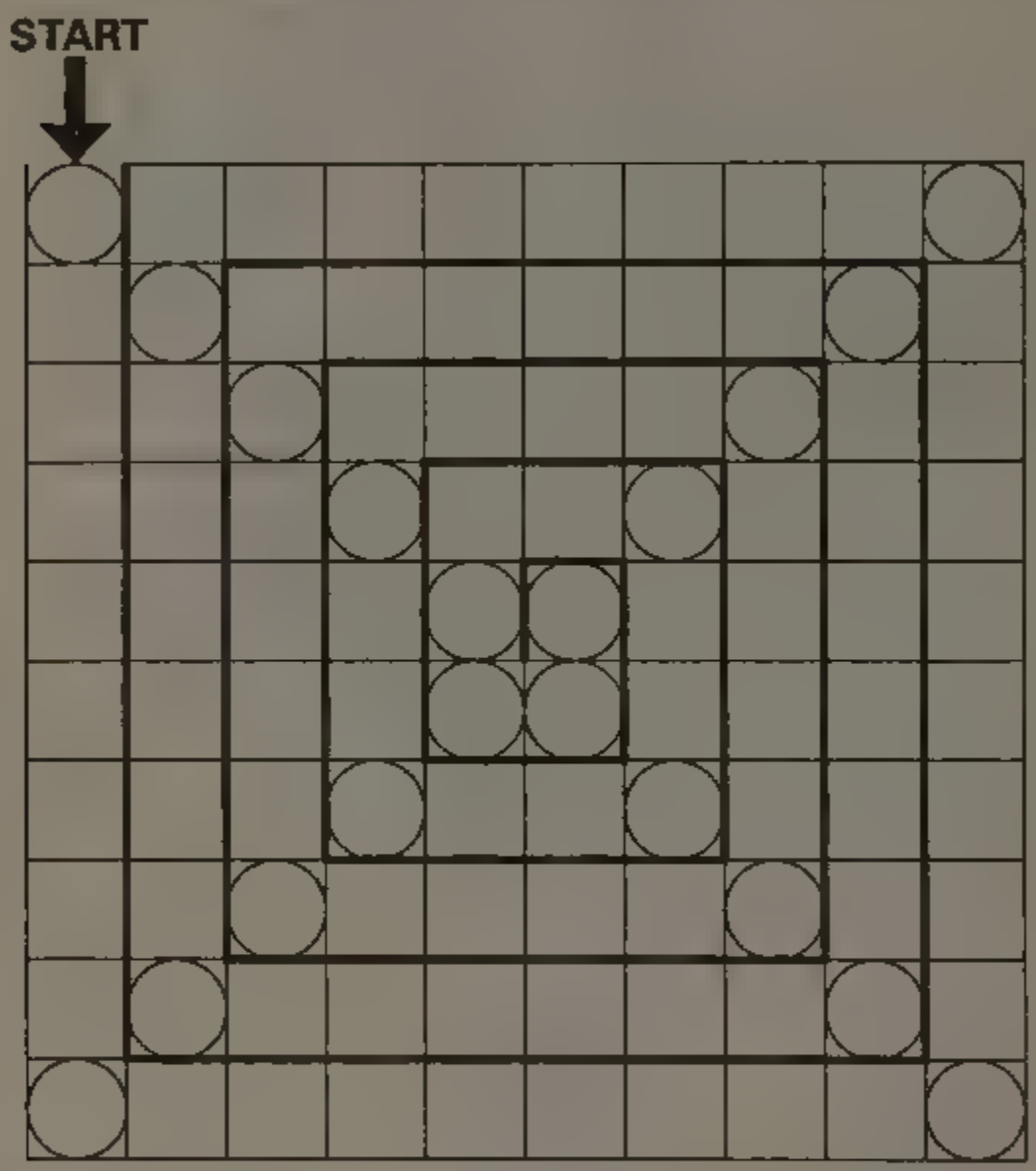

- Malicious (8)
- Tree-feller (10)
- Inuit canoe (5)
- Finger joint (7)
- Finger-shaped cake (6)
- Keepsake (5)
- Hotel bedroom cleaner (11)
- Hazardous (9)
- Schoolbag (7)
- Carrying light (7)
- Nil (6)
- Thin absorbent paper (6)
- Highest mountain (7)
- Easygoing, lenient (8)
- Punch and Judy's dog (4)
- Cowardly colour (6)
- Direction (4)

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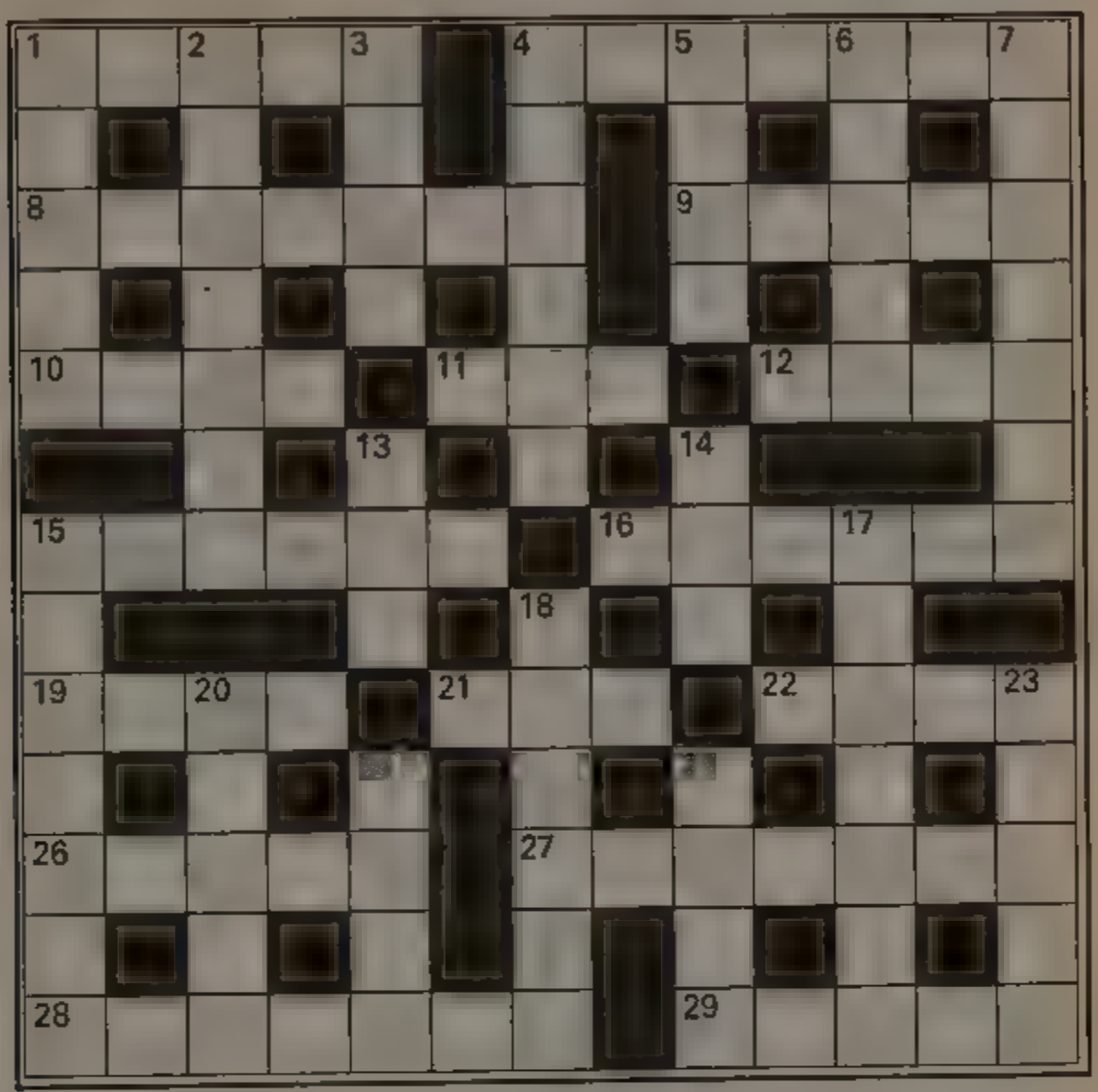

ACROSS

1 Sheds tears (5)
4 Leaves (7)
8 More clamorous (7)
9 Period of time (5)
10 Fat for cooking (4)
11 By means of (3)
12 Test (abbrev) (4)
15 Restricting rope (6)
16 Complains (6)
19 Amphibian of lizard shape (4)
21 Drink like a cat (3)
22 Helen of ___, legendary beauty (4)
26 Without food (5)
27 Strive to equal or excel (7)
28 Think of as guilty (7)
29 Horse, mount (5)

DOWN

1 Decreases in size (5)
2 Apparent (7)
3 Cut with scissors (4)
4 Counterfeits (6)
5 Protuberance (4)
6 Join or attach (5)
7 Digs up (7)
13 Plead (3)
14 Electrical unit (3)
15 Taste organs (7)
17 Tell a story (7)
18 Hidden, dormant (6)
20 Drifts on the breeze (5)
23 Provide (5)
24 Eric ___, former *Monty Python* comedian (4)
25 Unopened flowers (4)

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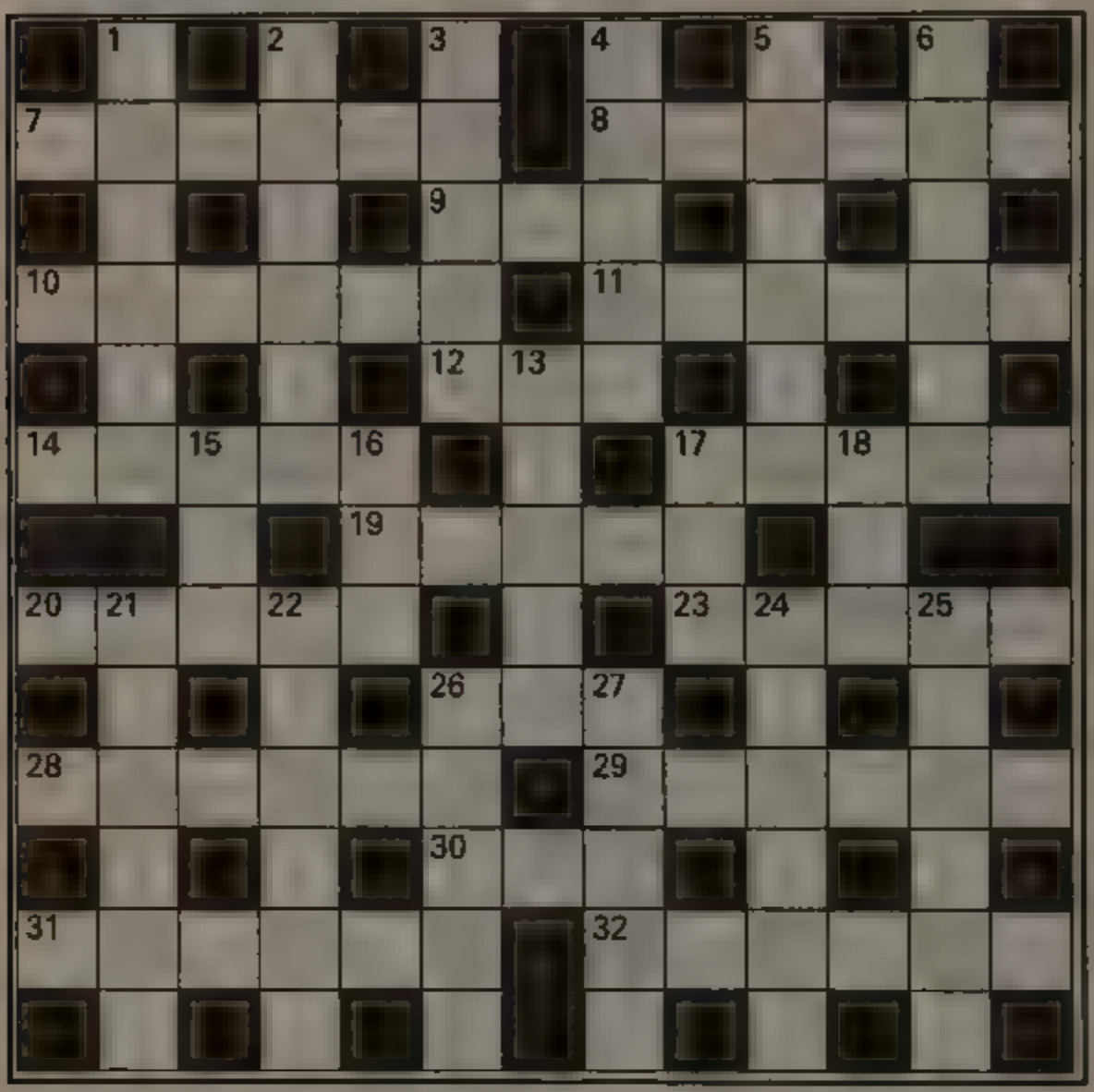

ACROSS

7 Bleak (6)
8 Words spoken by actors away from the plot (6)
9 Of advanced years (3)
10 Cooking bread (6)
11 Downpour (6)
12 Undercover agent (3)
14 One who escorts people to their seats (5)
17 Rimmed (5)
19 Not appropriate (5)
20 Handed out (5)
23 Russ ___, TV comedian (5)
26 Direct dialling (inits) (3)
28 Pound with the fists (6)
29 Comes in (6)
30 Bent line (3)
31 Softly (6)
32 Large seas (6)

DOWN

1 *The* ___, comedy by Sheridan (6)
2 Wide dominion (6)
3 Hits hard (5)
4 Father (5)
5 Packed (6)
6 Three nautical miles (6)
13 Braid (5)
15 Successful record (3)
16 Free (3)
17 Time due (inits) (3)
18 Mouth, colloquially (3)
21 Discharged by sweating (6)
22 Feeling of conflict (6)
24 New and improved (6)
25 Taking part in the boat race (6)
[redacted] Kills with a sword (5)
27 Style of furnishings (5)

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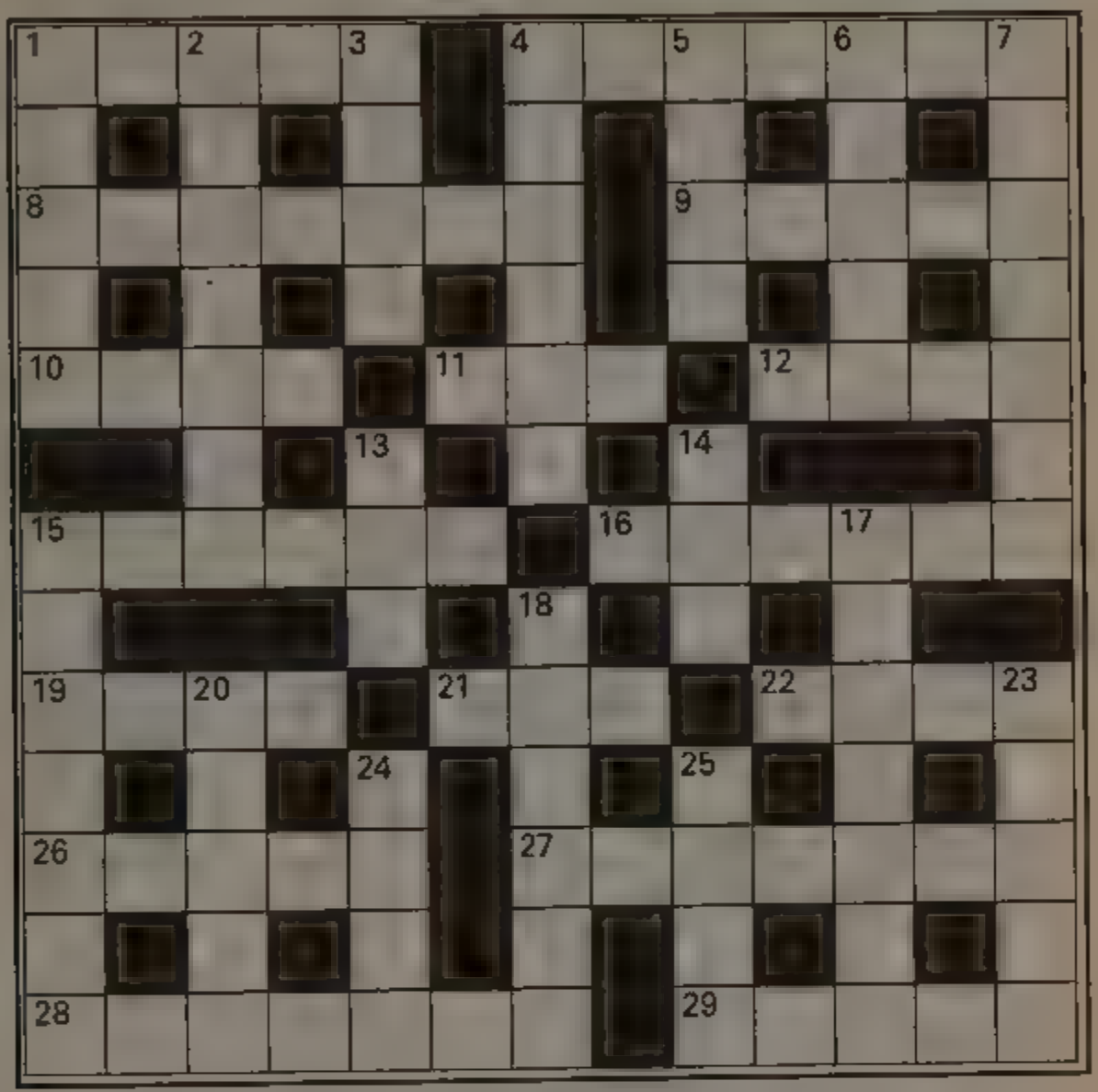


ACROSS

1 London cricket ground (5)
4 Have the wherewithal to live on (7)
8 Less aged (7)
9 Annual periods (5)
10 Cut of meat (4)
11 Smallest number (3)
12 Blocking vote (4)
15 Fine brandy (6)
16 Comment (6)
19 Competition of speed (4)
21 ___ *Jude*, song (3)
22 Greedy (4)
26 Relaxed, slack (5)
27 Pardoned (7)
28 Welsh ___, piece of furniture (7)
29 Cool courage (5)

DOWN

1 Dutiful (5)
2 Defeating utterly (7)
3 Banner (4)
4 *Honey, I ___ The Kids*, film starring Rick Moranis (6)
5 Purchases (4)
6 Fuming (5)
7 Clump of grass (7)
13 Interlude (3)
14 Charge for a service (3)
15 Surrounded (7)
17 Counsellor (7)
18 Shooting star (6)
20 Tedious and recurrent task (5)
23 Evade (5)
24 Postman Pat's black and white cat (4)
25 Study intently (4)

Missing Links

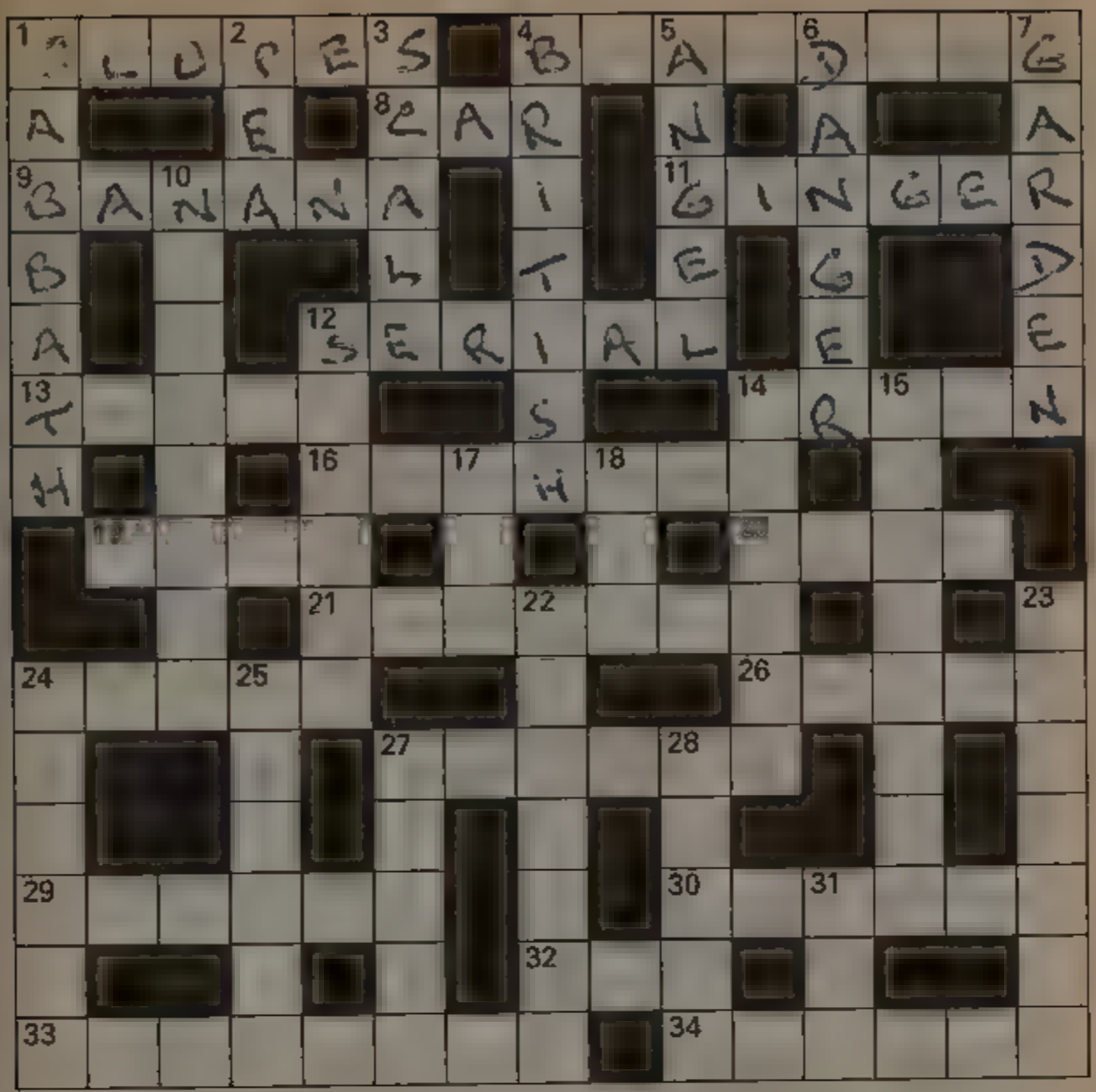
The answer to each clue is a word which has a link with each of the three words listed. This word may come at the end (eg HEAD linked with BEACH, BIG and HAMMER), at the beginning (eg BLACK linked with BEAUTY, BOARD and JACK) or a mixture of the two (eg STONE linked with HAIL, LIME and WALL).

ACROSS

1 MOUNTAIN, NURSERY, SKI (6)
4 CARD, HOUSE, SCHOOL (8)
8 BUMPER, CABLE, RACING (3)
9 REPUBLIC, SKIN, SPLIT (6)
11 ALE, BEER, ROOT (6)
12 KILLER, NUMBER, RIGHTS (6)
13 MOTOR, RAG, SECRET (5)
14 STORM, SURGEON, WASH (5)
16 CIGARETTE, FUEL, GAS (7)
19 FRIED, PAPER, PUDDING (4)
20 LAND, SALVATION, TERRITORIAL (4)
21 GAMES, GROUP, SCARLET (7)
24 BITTER, TOOTH, WILLIAM (5)
26 EAR, KETTLE, SIDE (5)
27 CONSCIENCE, PARTY, SECRET (6)
29 BOX, FOREIGN, HOME (6)
30 HORSE, SHOES, SPOON (6)
32 EVIL, PRIVATE, WITNESS (3)
33 COMPANY, FILM, MANAGING (8)
34 ARUM, TIGER, WATER (6)

DOWN

1 BLACK, DAY, WITCHES' (7)
2 CHICK, SHOOTER, SWEET (3)
3 MAJOR, MODEL, SMALL (5)
4 EMPIRE, ISLES, MUSEUM (7)



5 CAKE, FISH, GUARDIAN (5)
6 MONEY, SIGNALS, LIST (6)
7 GNOME, KITCHEN, PARTY (6)
10 EQUITY, FEEDBACK, SIGN (8)
12 BAND, COMMITTEE, FEW (6)
14 BUTTER, NAPOLEON, SNAP (6)
15 CAR, COLUMN, VEHICLE (8)
17 CREDIBILITY, GENERATION, TRADE (3)
18 CHEST, CHINA, HIGH (3)
22 FINGER, HAPPY, OFF (7)
23 CANARY, CHANNEL, FALKLAND (7)
24 COUSIN, NATURE, THOUGHTS (6)
25 FIRE, STEAM, TRACTION (6)
27 AUNT, BRITAIN, EXPECTATIONS (5)
28 BEACH, HAND, RAIL (5)
31 CASTOR, COOKING, OLIVE (3)

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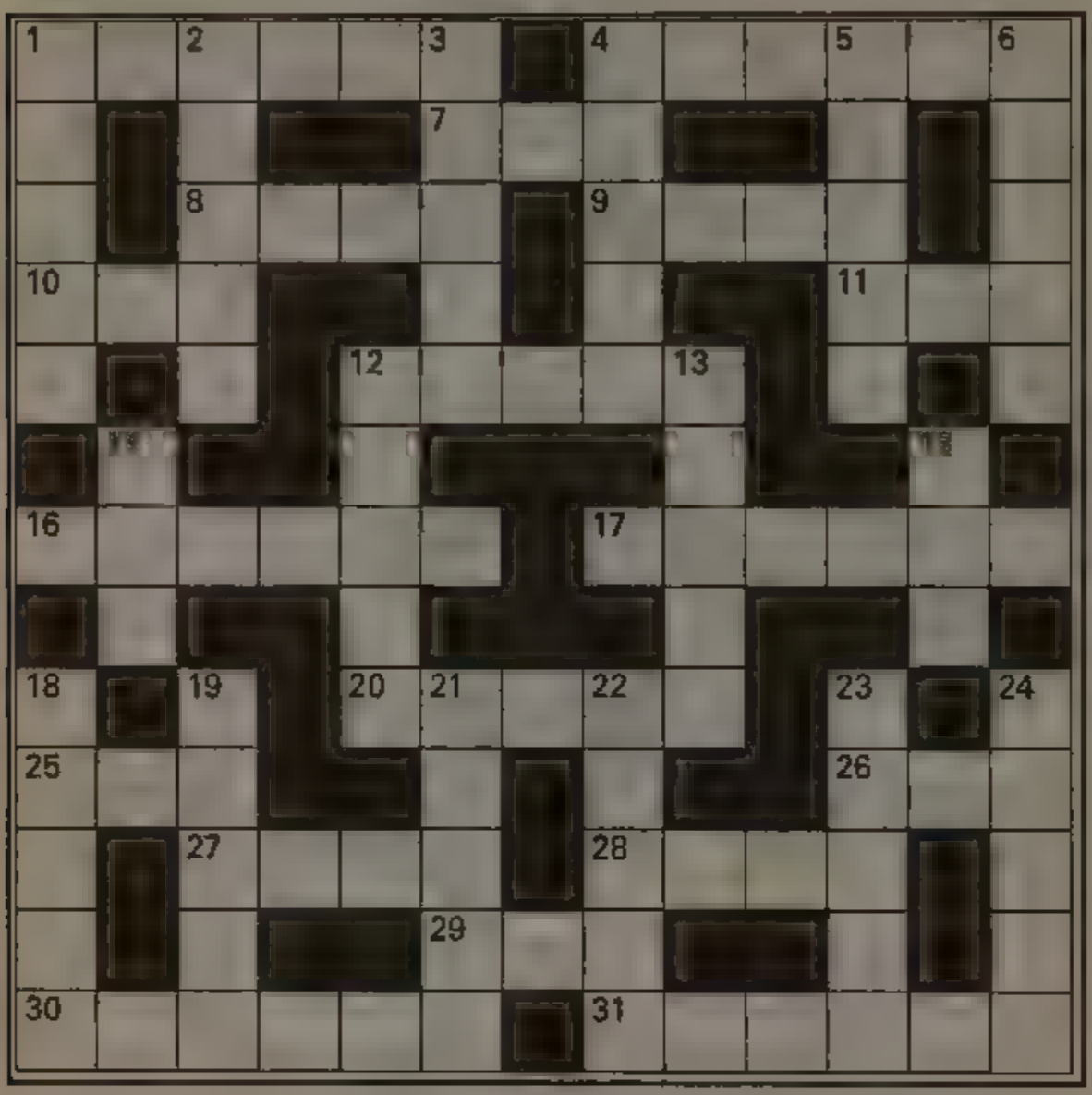

ACROSS

1 Groups of bees (6)
4 Sign on as a soldier (6)
7 Central (3)
8 English river (4)
9 Employs (4)
10 Rim (3)
11 Sheep (3)
12 Attempts (5)
16 Residing (6)
17 Change the form of (6)
20 Low in price (5)
25 Gases inside the atmosphere (3)
26 Salesperson (abbrev) (3)
27 Unravel (4)
28 Washable floor-covering (abbrev) (4)
29 Female rabbit (3)
30 Fears intensely (6)
31 Spread out troops (6)

DOWN

1 Regretfully (5)
2 Take as one's own child (5)
3 Paint on messily (5)
4 Elicit (5)
5 Place in (5)
6 Large books (5)
12 Gin and ___, aperitif (5)
13 Newspaper exclusive (5)
14 Steering organ (3)
15 Towards the rear of the ship (3)
18 Confronted (5)
19 Dried plum (5)
21 Head coverings (5)
22 Was sickly (5)
23 Goblin, dwarf (5)
24 Suitably (5)

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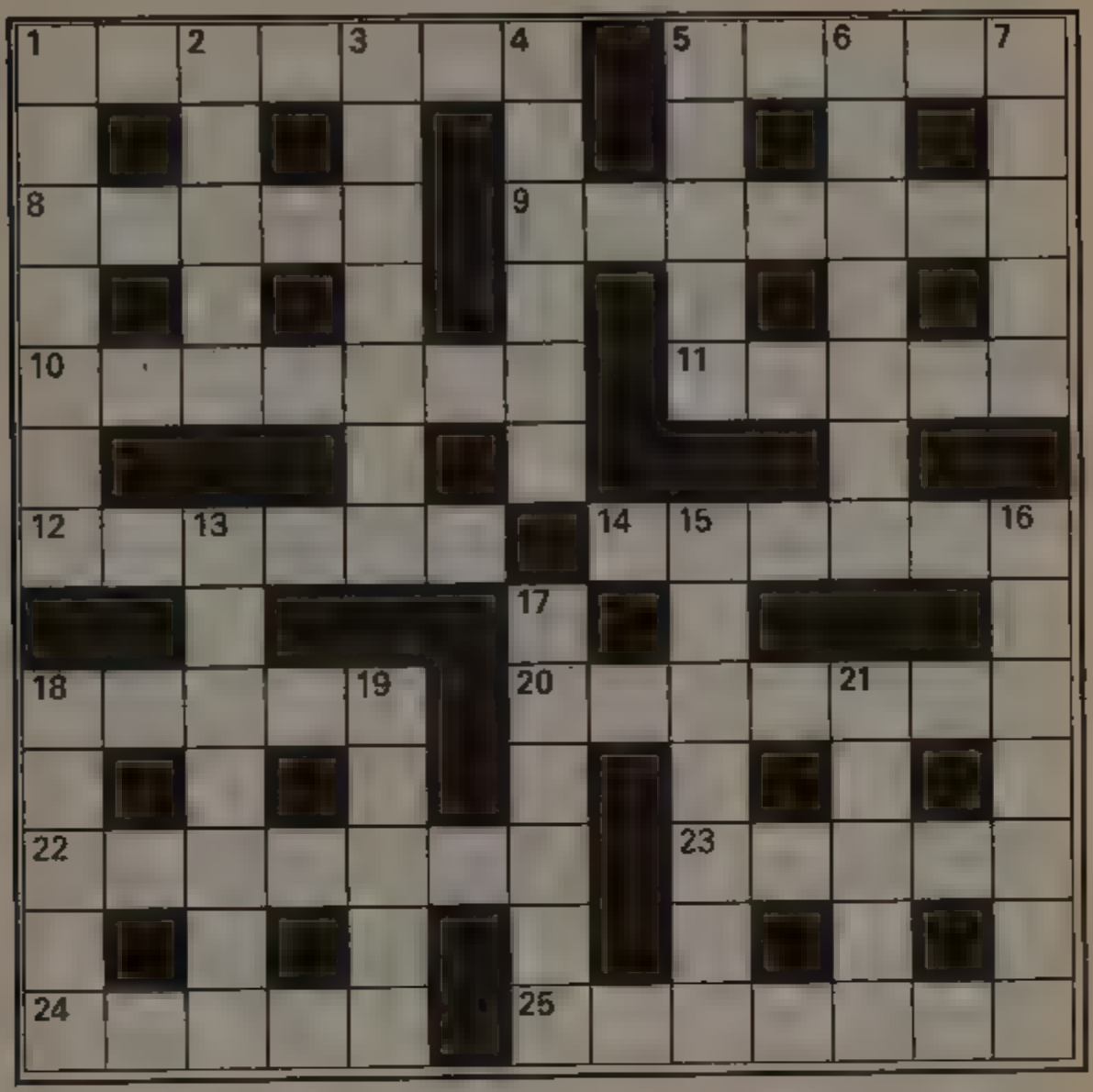


ACROSS

1 Barren (7)
5 River estuary of Buenos Aires and Montevideo (5)
8 Cocktail fruit (5)
9 Insects (7)
10 Married man (7)
11 Each one (5)
12 Sums to be deducted (6)
14 Type of small fowl (6)
18 What ghosts do (5)
20 Make an impact on (7)
22 Makes calm (7)
23 Bring together (5)
24 Edge along furtively (5)
25 Tennis selectors (7)

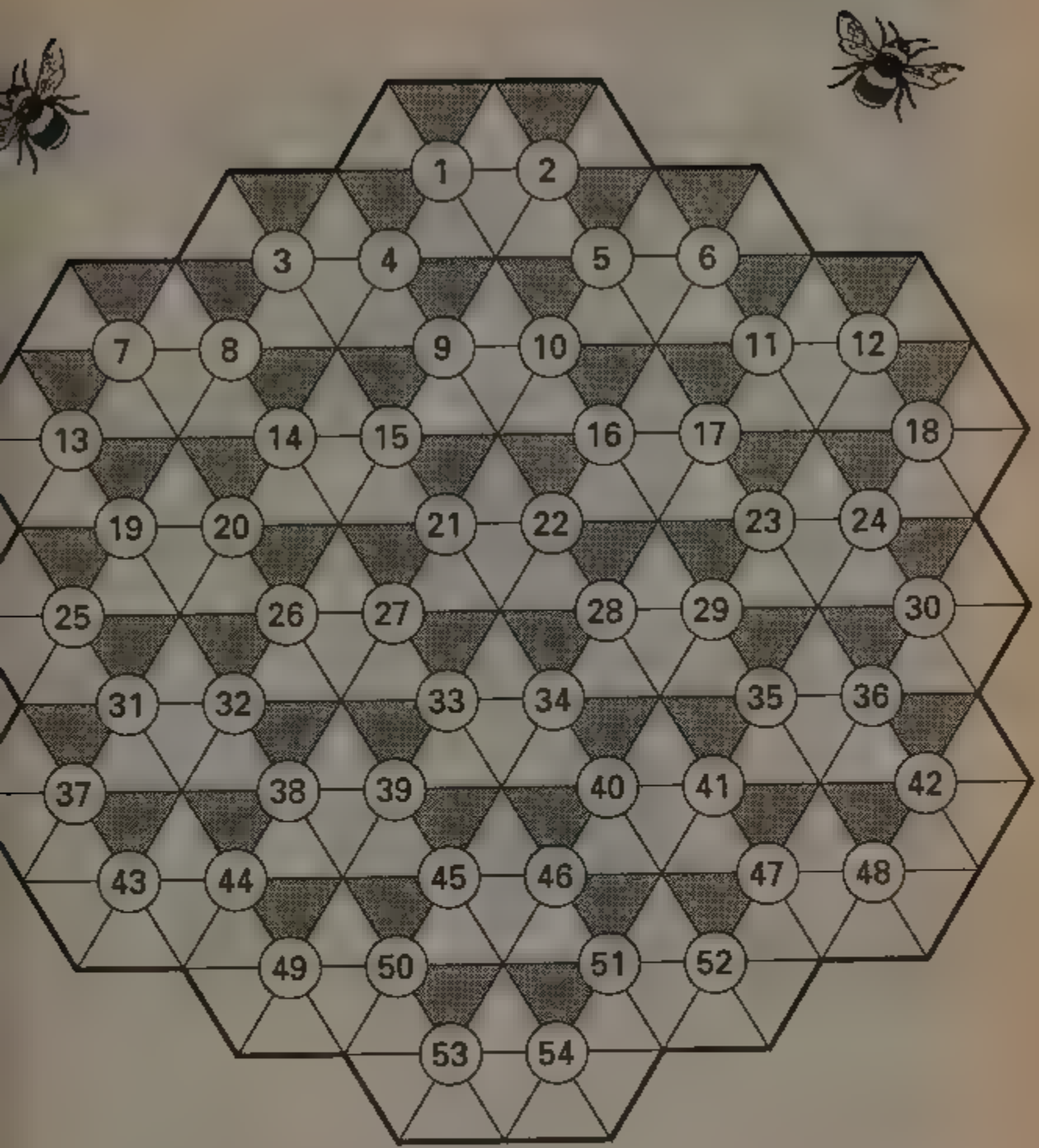
DOWN

1 Splashed (7)
2 Sins (5)
3 Not completely true (7)
4 Typify (6)
5 Bit, fragment (5)
6 Illness (7)
7 Written composition (5)
13 Restricted (7)
15 Small glass vessel used in medicine (7)
16 Gathers troops (7)
17 Booths (6)
18 Watering-pipes (5)
19 Old church tax (5)
21 Banish from one's country (5)

Honeycomb

All the answers are six-letter words, unless indicated. Each answer is entered in a circle around its clue-number. The first letter of the answer is entered in the shaded triangle immediately above the clue-number. If the clue-number is odd, enter the answer in an anti-clockwise direction. If the clue-number is even, enter the answer in a clockwise direction.

1 Freebooter
2 Discount
3 Adapt
4 Branch out
5 Volcanic rock
6 Outcome
7 Halve
8 Straight
9 Optical illusion
10 Brutal
11 Vanquish
12 Accumulate
13 Four-sided figure
14 Dwell
15 Light olive
16 Currency comparison
17 Sentimental song
18 Angle
19 Haphazard
20 Algae
21 Benumb
22 Soup dish
23 Maintain
24 Secure for service
25 Mighty hunter
26 Confirm
27 Be present at
28 Rhythmic rock music
29 Papal ambassador
30 Plural of genus
31 Citrus fruit
32 Effluent
33 Deny
34 Allied
35 Natural skill
36 Modern
37 Keenness of perception
38 Lech ____, Polish trade-union leader
39 Lead sulphide
40 Sickness
41 Hugh ____, comedian
42 Dairy produce
43 Dominion
44 Strict
45 Guernsey lily
46 Jewish ascetic
47 Sarcastic
48 Rotten
49 Oral
50 Ceremony
51 Kind of cricket delivery
52 Wild ass
53 Small tower
54 Charm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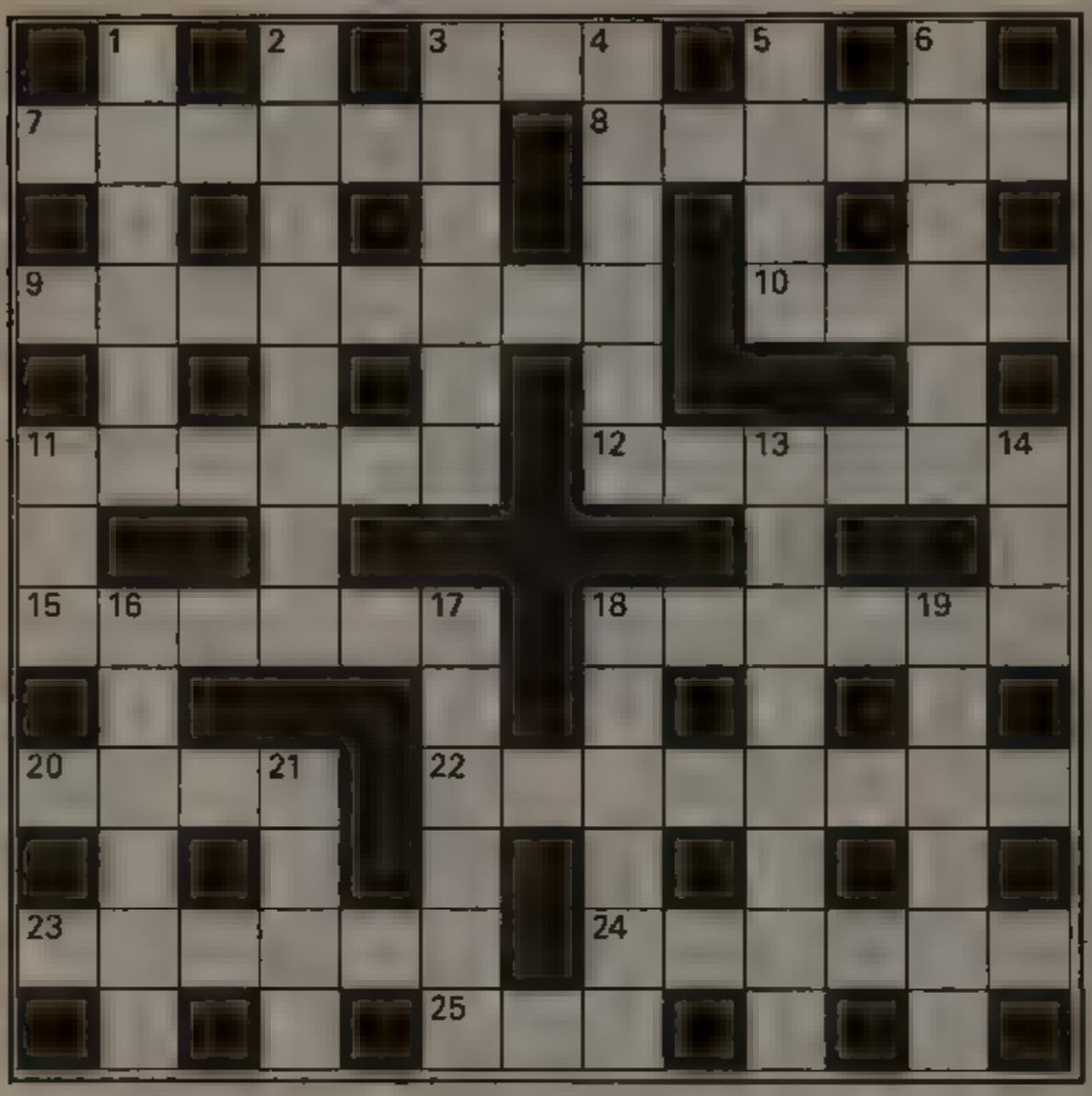

ACROSS

3 Pull sharply (3)
7 Provide, supply (6)
8 Ridiculous (6)
9 Finding out (8)
10 Gape with sleepiness (4)
11 Become rigid and inflexible (6)
12 Extinguishes (6)
15 Shifts (6)
18 Sheds feathers (6)
20 ___ with death, take a grave risk (4)
22 Without delay (8)
23 Prisoner (6)
24 Droopily (6)
25 Spring month (3)

DOWN

1 Deep crimson precious stones (6)
2 Evading (8)
3 Symbolize (6)
4 Estimated (6)
5 Spot (4)
6 Be heavy with sleep (6)
11 Small ornamental sphere (3)
13 Unjustly assuming (8)
14 Female relative (abbrev) (3)
16 Workers' groups (6)
17 Organised method (6)
18 Paltry, miserable (coll) (6)
19 Sharp struggle (6)
21 Test (abbrev) (4)

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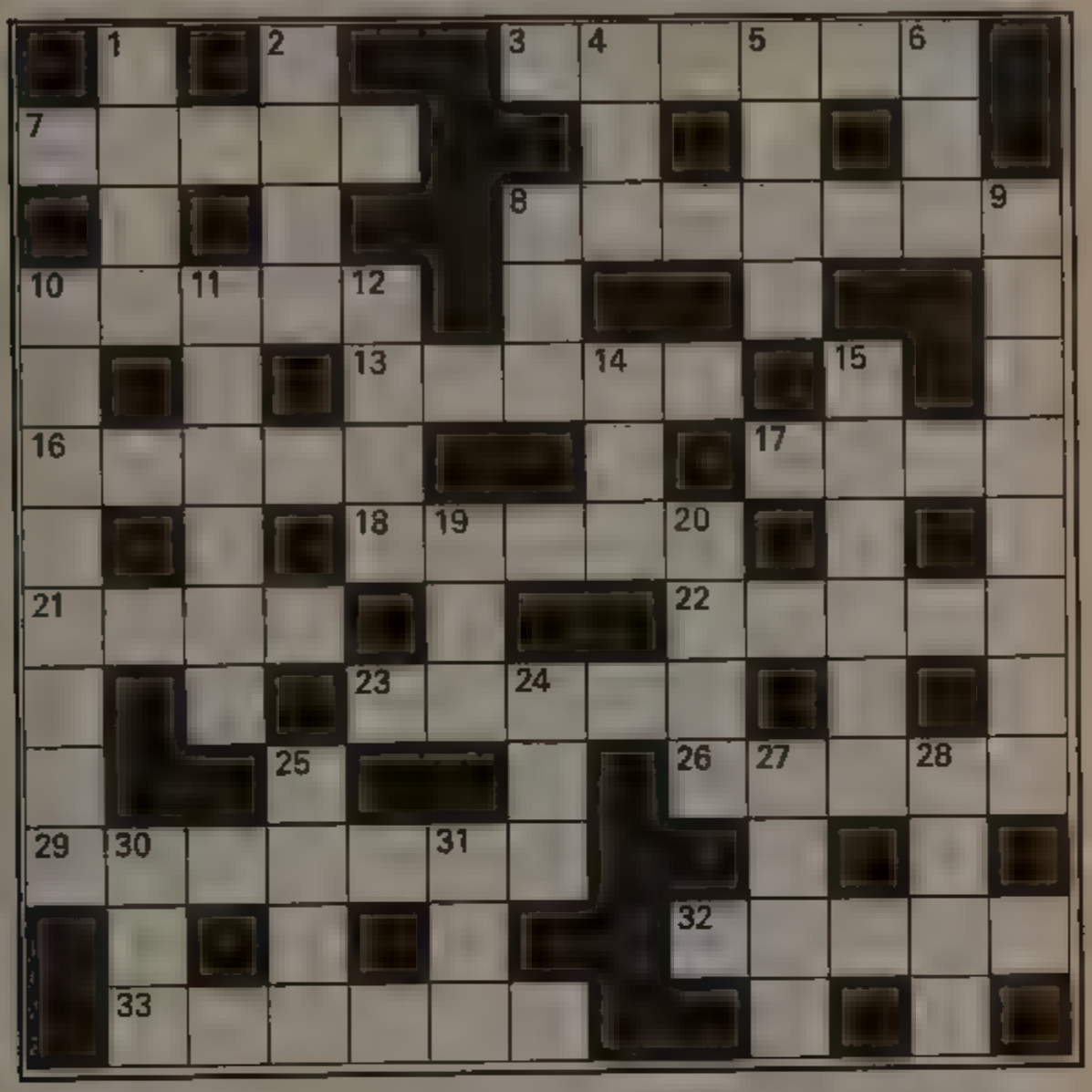


ACROSS

3 Leisurely walk (6)
7 Talks with a speech defect (5)
8 Praise insincerely (7)
10 Hymn of praise (5)
13 Made a mistake (5)
16 Amends (5)
17 Eagle (4)
18 Poisonous snake of the British Isles (5)
21 Days preceding festivals (4)
22 Residence (5)
23 Beginning (5)
26 Undamaged (5)
29 Clergyman's income (7)
32 Gruff and grumpy (5)
33 Slightly colours (6)

DOWN

1 Jar tops (4)
2 Milky gem (4)
4 Sesame (3)
5 Porridge ingredient (4)
6 Be prone or supine (3)
8 Resinous conifer (3)
9 Title given to a clergyman (8)
10 Goes before (8)
11 Tolerated (6)
12 Table-shaped hill (4)
14 Supplement (3)
15 Gold-leaf for gilding (6)
19 Clamour (3)
20 Rodents (4)
24 Type of phone call (inits) (3)
25 Frank (4)
27 Musical work usually titled with a number (4)
28 Void, invalid (4)
30 Sound expressing mild disapproval (3)
31 Scottish 'no' (3)

Continuity

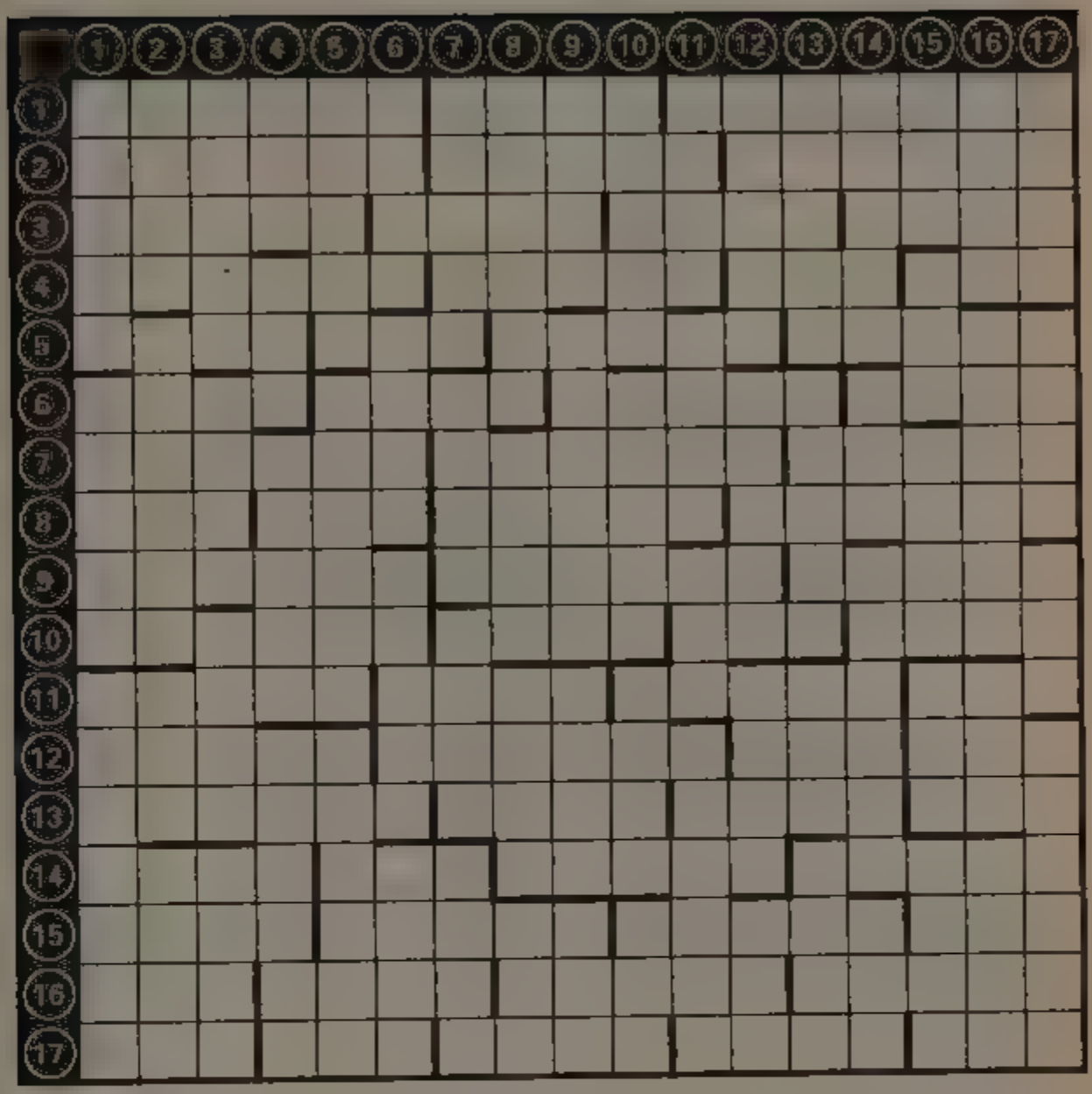
No black squares – heavy bars mark the ends of words.

ACROSS

1 Occupant; chum; wardrobe assistant
2 Attacker; scent; clothing
3 Stage player; spherical Dutch cheese; engrave; god of war
4 ____ Tuesday, pancake day; centre of an amphitheatre; slippery fish; clique
5 Mind; wych ____, tree; poisonous snake; attain
6 Very dry; US coin; nautical halt!; 4840 sq yards
7 Bovine animals; ____ Hemingway, writer; go in for
8 Employ; atmosphere; bird of prey; captivate
9 Modify; cover with sugar; cheer
10 Valuable fur; saucy; skill; prayer-ending word
11 Vital organ; red planet; fork out money; auction offer
12 Brother of Moses; sarcastic; performed; high playing card
13 Military document of privilege; sound a horn; citrus fruit; scarlet
14 Lazy; marry; bird sound; archery missile
15 Excursion; deal with; aids; historical period
16 Append; finished; property document; underwater sound detection system
17 Also; a single; lifeless; paradise; aged

DOWN

1 Rubbish; severe; natural abode
2 Every one; pencil-mark remover; listening organ; extinct bird
3 Saltpetre; article; female horse; simple board-game
4 Bother; strange; pig-like animal; take too far
5 Pluck; customer; Isaac ____, physicist
6 Woody shrub; ogle; send; sea eagle
7 Bossy girl; want; portion; act
8 Resting place of Noah's Ark; scarce; plant base; alcoholic drink
9 Large volume; peril; white flakes; beverage



10 Remove faults from; uncultivated country; location; possessed
11 Information; rest; space; John ____, *Fawlty Towers* creator
12 Speed competitor; guide; prepare for publication; conducted
13 Upper air; dogma; matchstick game; church recess
14 Robbed; as well; climbing frame; male offspring
15 ____ James, *Carry On* film star; fluid bag; side; prohibit; gambling town of Nevada
16 Great Lake; devise; solid water; spoken
17 Hire charge; German Mr; finish; English Prince

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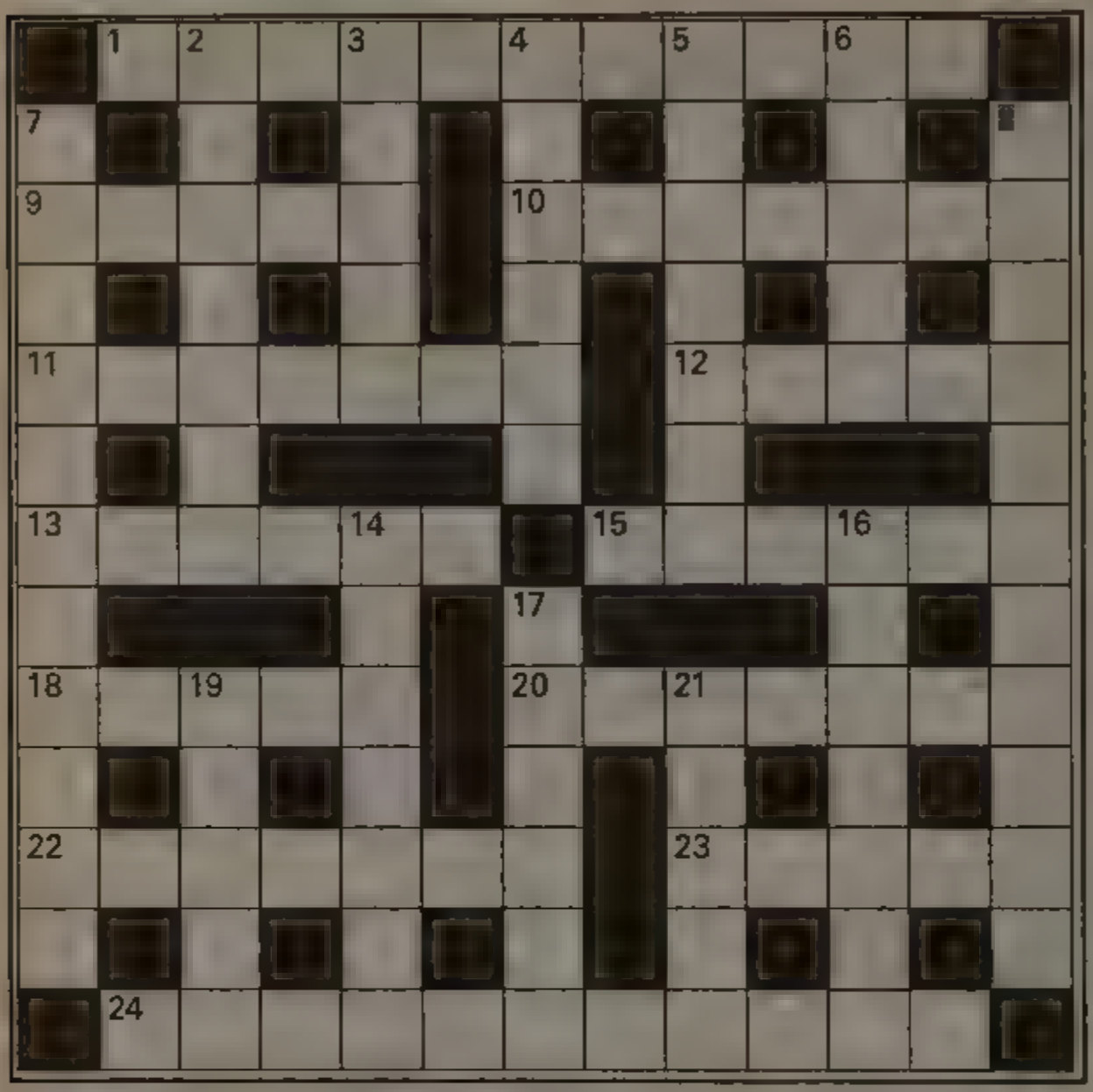


ACROSS

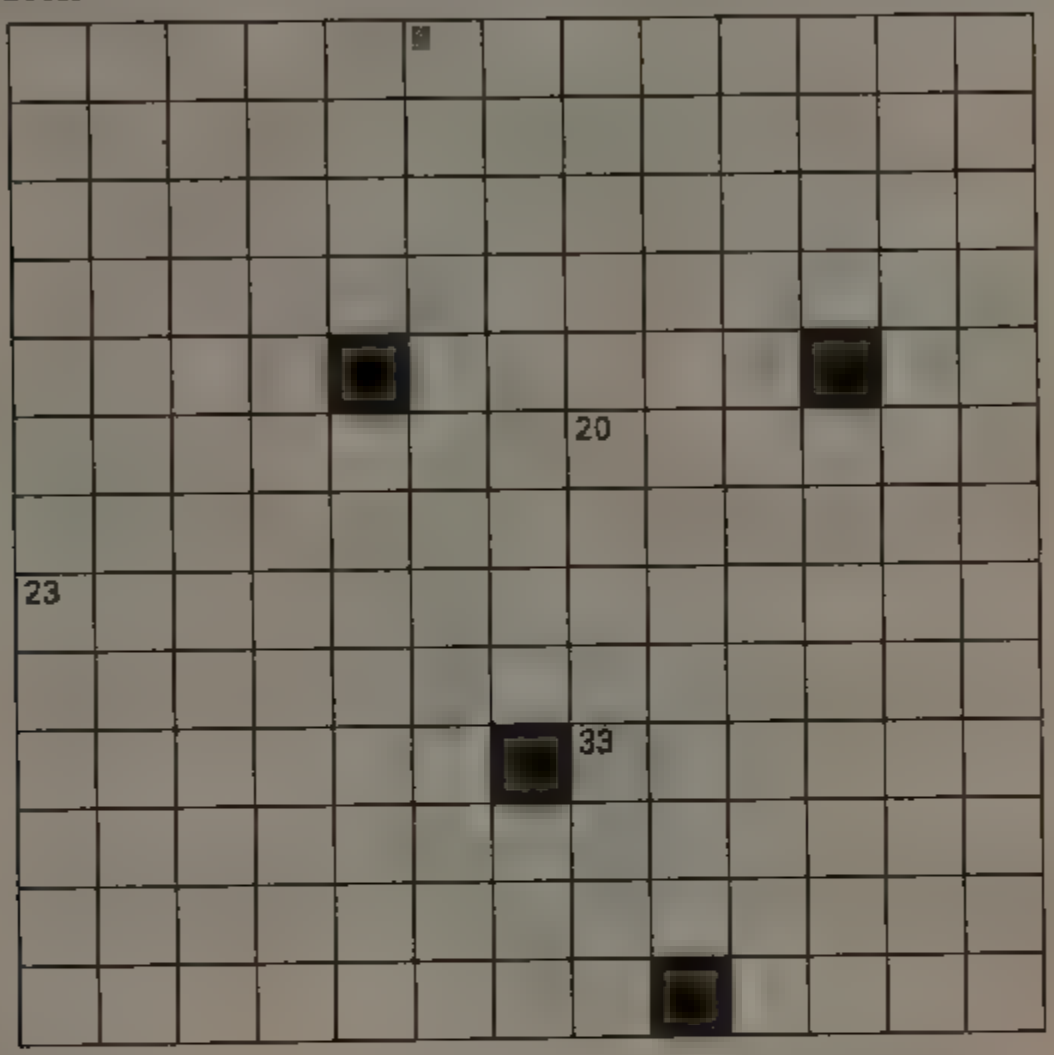
1 Protest or show (11)
9 Noise made when sleeping (5)
10 Penetrated (7)
11 Garments (7)
12 Combat area (5)
13 Time of immaturity (6)
15 Feverish, busy, and confused (6)
18 Exotic fruit (5)
20 Jumbled-up letters (7)
22 Sieved (7)
23 Large body of water (5)
24 Separation from a main group (11)

DOWN

2 Wearing away process (7)
3 Chronically overweight (5)
4 Sleek (6)
5 Go back upon (7)
6 Short and snappy (5)
7 Scientists of the heavenly bodies (11)
8 Promotion in rank (11)
14 Snarling dog (7)
16 Self-propelled underwater weapon (7)
17 Devoted dependent (6)
19 Push slightly (5)
21 Around (5)

Skeleton

The black squares have to be filled in as well as the words. For a start, four black squares and four numbers have been inserted. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern.



ACROSS

1 Present
4 Counterfeit
6 Cease
9 Uncommon
10 Operatic song
11 Aid a criminal
13 Agreeable
15 Fight
16 Fisherman
17 Label
18 Distant
20 Cricket team
23 Classical dance
27 Choice
30 Atmosphere
31 Forgive
33 Deer's horn
36 Dry
37 Grow weary
38 Prison room
39 Scottish valley
40 Sly look
41 Female sheep
42 Stagger

DOWN

1 Snatch
2 Worry
3 Skin decoration
4 Cross out
5 Impair
6 Unmarried
7 Follow closely
8 Jetty
12 Foundation
14 Surrender
18 Massage
19 Drawn match
21 Race circuit
22 Convent sister
24 Slightly open
25 Set of steps
26 Mix up
27 Tangerine
28 Walk unsteadily
29 Finished
31 ____ Daniels, magician
32 Cereal
34 Queue
35 Genuine

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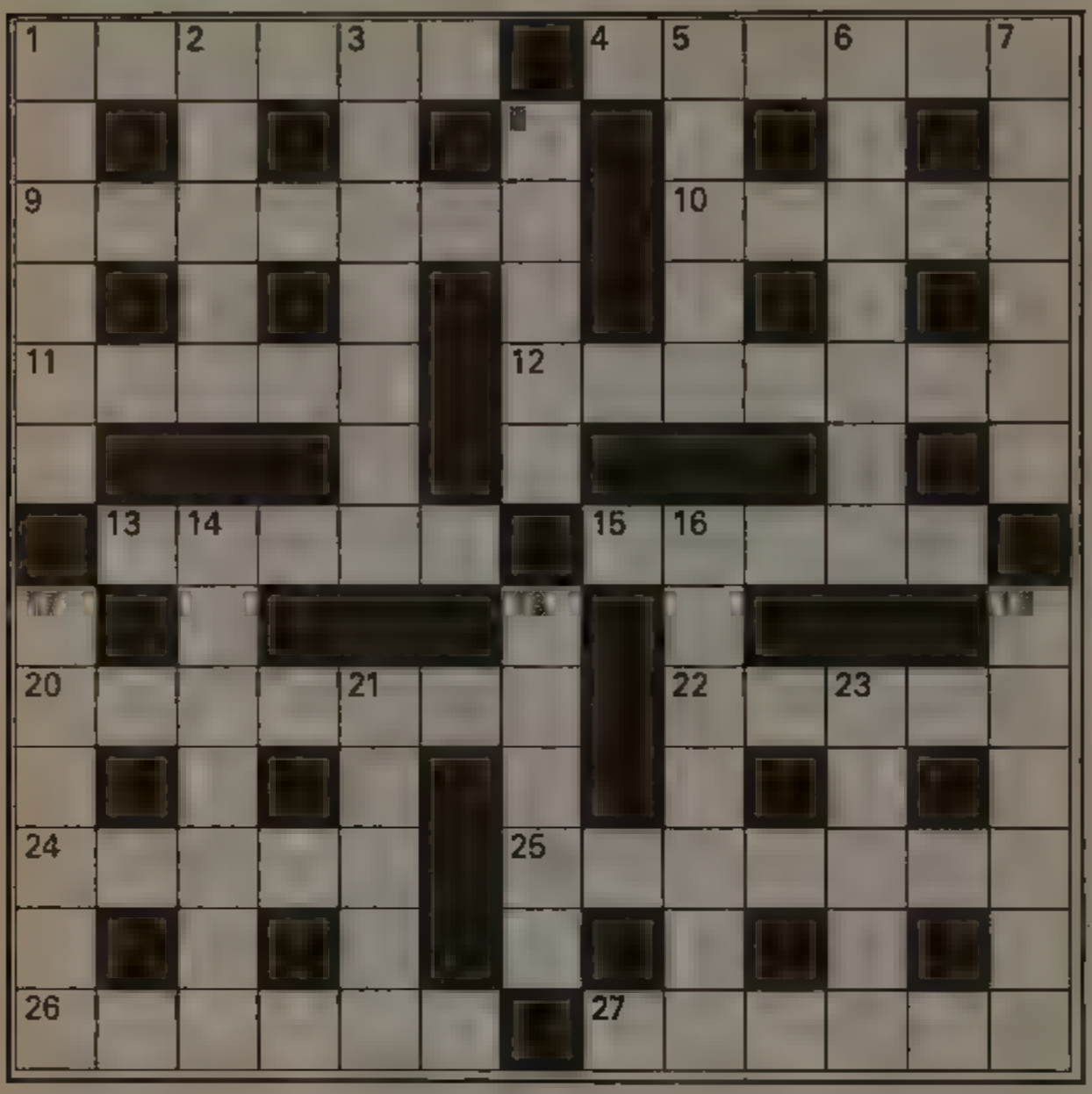

ACROSS

1 Combines (6)
4 Brings to mind (6)
9 Not consumed (7)
10 Spread (5)
11 Follow (5)
12 Extend beyond the edge of (7)
13 Public transport vehicles (abbrev) (5)
15 Extinguish (5)
20 Within hearing (7)
22 Melodies (5)
24 Portals (5)
25 Wiping off (7)
26 Avoids (6)
27 Mammary organs of a cow (6)

DOWN

1 Clawed by an animal (6)
2 Offensive vapours (5)
3 Not moderate (7)
5 Enthusiasm (5)
6 Ignites (7)
7 Soaks (6)
8 Provoke (5)
14 Modernised (7)
16 Exterior (7)
17 Followed along (6)
18 Classifies (5)
19 Customs (6)
21 Pour fat over roasting meat (5)
23 Racket, din (5)

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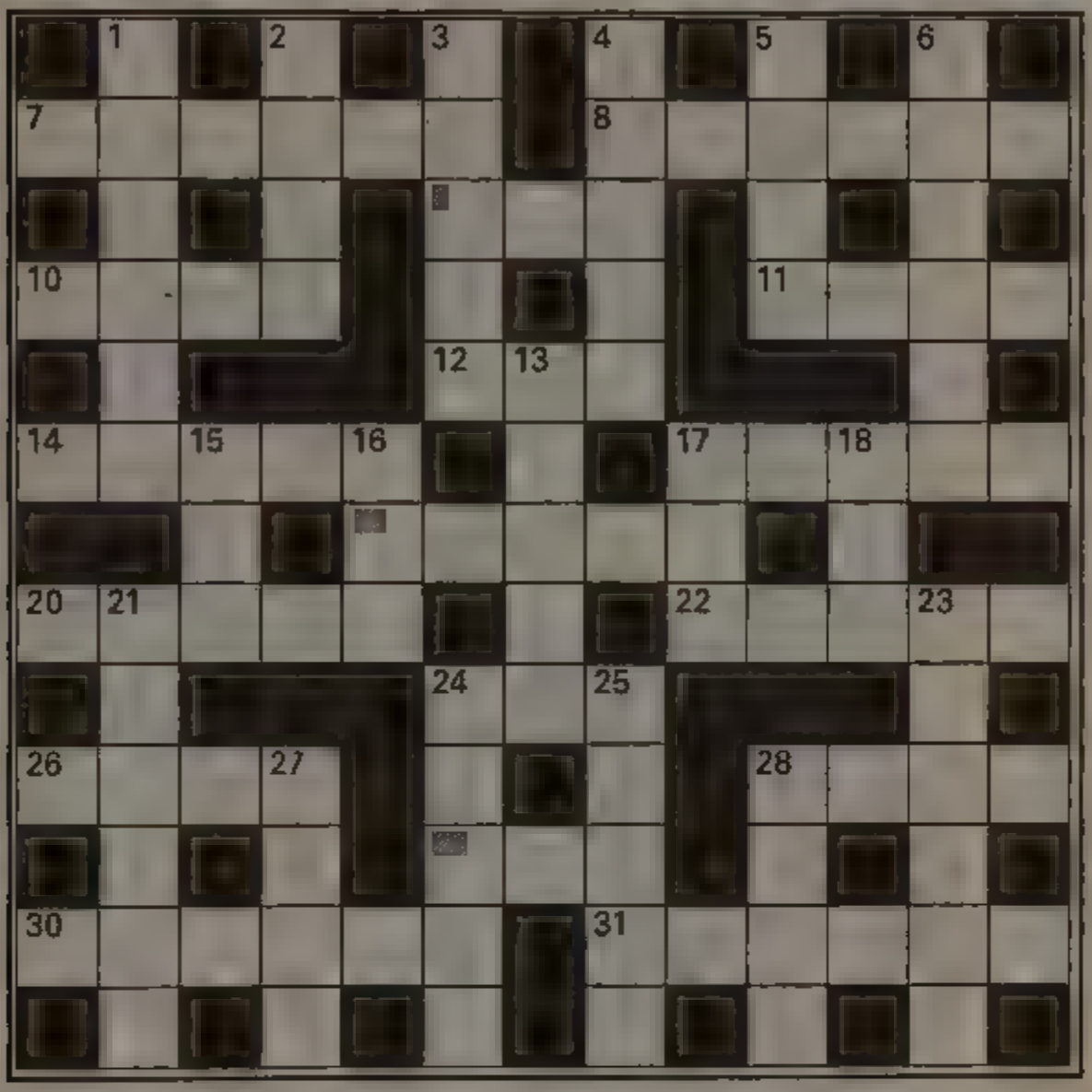


ACROSS

7 In the forefront of fashion (6)
8 Loosen up (6)
9 Hostelry (3)
10 Remnant of healed wound (4)
11 Palm fruit (4)
12 US exclamation (3)
14 Sweet thick liquid (5)
17 Anything (5)
19 Corrosive substances (5)
20 Wets slightly (5)
22 Wished (5)
24 Type of phone call (inits) (3)
26 Deftly (4)
28 Feature of face (4)
29 Evergreen climbing-plant (3)
30 Drooping (6)
31 From lower to higher (6)

DOWN

1 Crafty, deceitful (6)
2 Snarl (4)
3 Telling fibs (5)
4 School nitwit (5)
5 Was under an obligation to repay (4)
6 Grab (6)
13 Decree (5)
15 Navy drink (3)
16 Dance step (3)
17 Product of fire (3)
18 Opening (3)
21 Wooded retreat (6)
23 Come to an end (6)
24 Cuts open (5)
25 Use a tea-towel (3, 2)
27 Long period of time (4)
28 Rules (4)

Alphabetical Jigsaw

Clue A leads to a solution beginning with the letter A, clue B to one beginning with the letter B, and so on, through the alphabet. Having discovered the solutions, the solver must (as if completing a jigsaw) determine their positions in the diagram.

A Notice only serves to show
How to adapt or alter so (6)

B Starts by owning up to quest
Upset by praises here expressed (8)

C Sounds rough and ready as a boat
Is when 'tis manned afloat (6)

D Crudely executed definition
From lousy court-side disposition (14)

E Baby was easily led astray
As the tide reaches the end of its stay (4, 4)

F Search for food over a long spell
With return of furious anger as well (6)

G One may design a wooden stage
From which to bite in agonised rage (4)

H List that is attributed to
Feature at the back of shoe (4)

I Find more confusion, even though
One's classified (!) and in the know (8)

J Merely the loch where monster hides
But equity it here provides (8)

K Unusually keen to start looting stock
So gets down to it – on a hassock? (6)

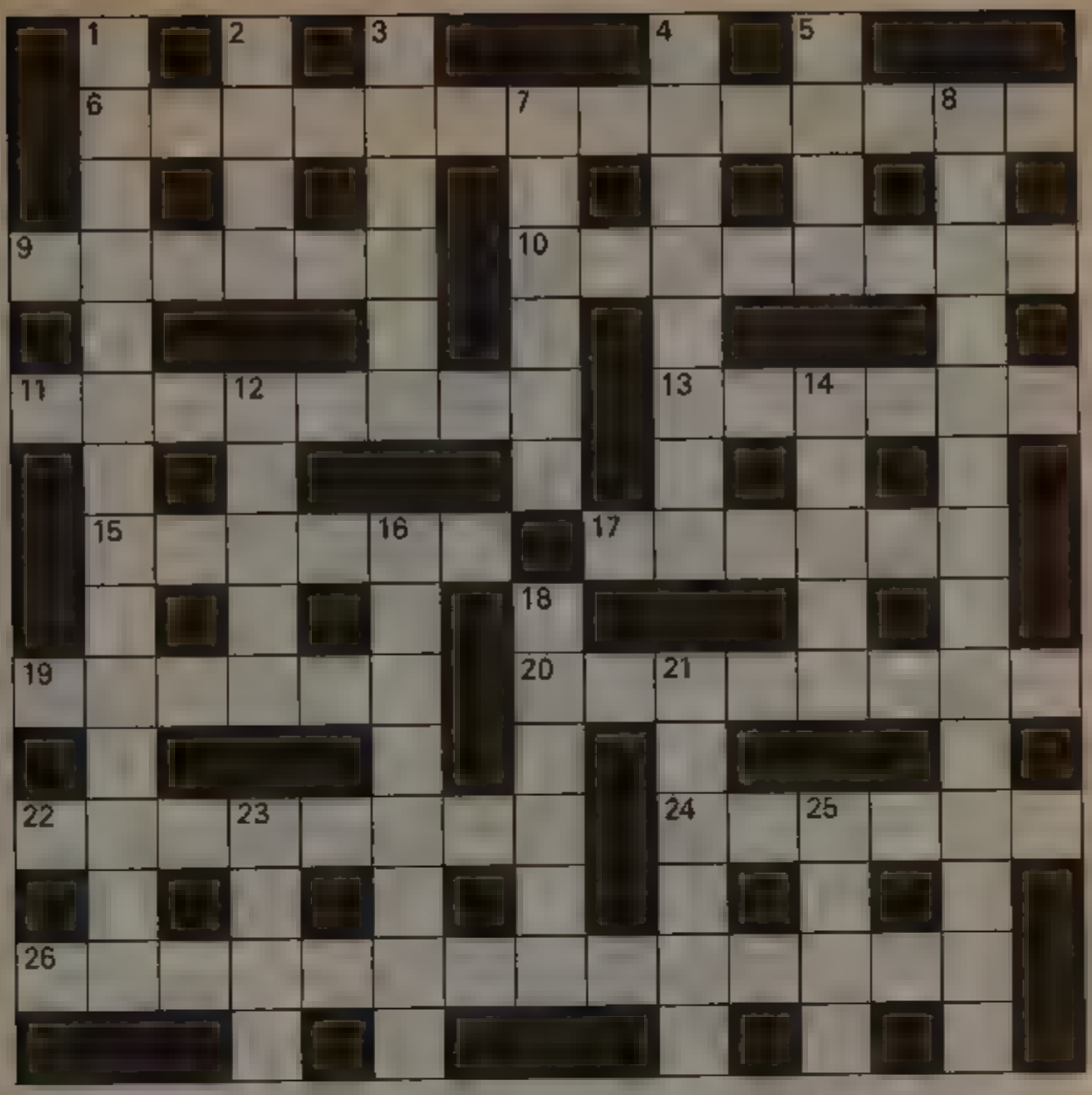
L Retaliation over first five to
Appear subsequently in view (5)

M Confused, remote, with no rational end
Still defines what the skies will portend (14)

N You'll find spoon has been mislaid
Under cake by turns displayed (4)

O To pay too much in reparation
Proves to menace restoration (14)

P A first in Latin may produce
A portable stove for camping use (6)



Q Singing group in church is heard
To get sheets – not of music – in a word (5)

R Some impugn irrational speech
Then revert to call one out of reach (4, 2)

S Gets do organised only to find
Uninspired fare for body and mind (6)

T Take some part in selling sensation
Of cheap and gaudy decoration (6)

U Use pure beginners to take flight,
Landing here? That's quite right (8)

V Unseeing 'mong Italians they may
Hold back from room the light of day (8, 6)

W West Indies allow a withdrawal and
Provide a bat for poetic hand (6)

X From proxy sternly applied
A surgical instrument is descried (6)

Y The vales of Araby, let's say,
Cause smash? Nonetheless, okay! (8)

Z Take-over of Jewish heaven, I fear,
By leaders of new order in Zaire (4)

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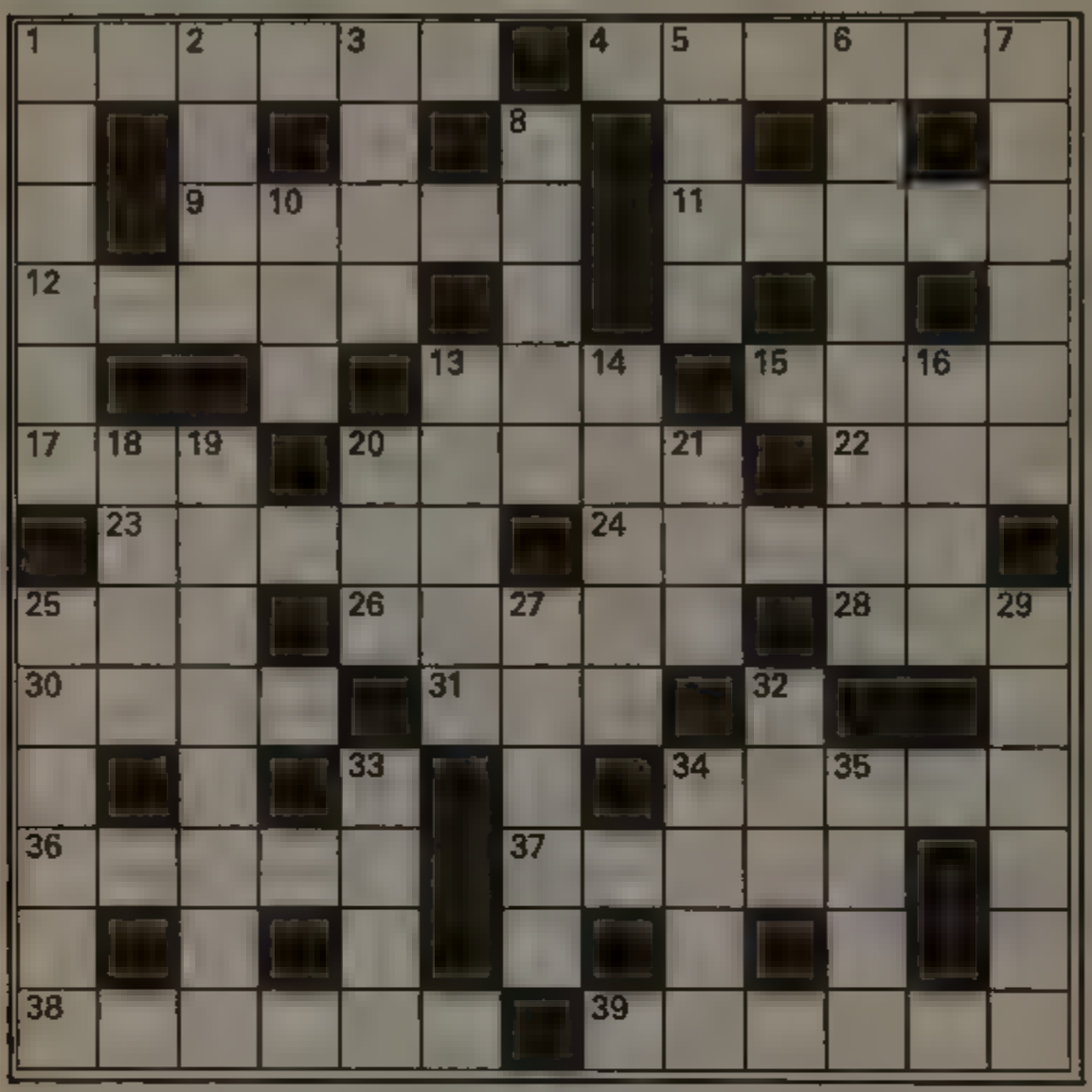

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1 Gangways (6)
4 Ring that turns on a pin (6)
9 Belonging to thee (5)
11 More considerate (5)
12 Emotionally distressed (5)
13 Rowing pole (3)
15 Mountain-lion or cougar (4)
17 Huge Australian bird (3)
20 Projectile fired from a bow (5)
22 Small island (3)
23 In the thick of (5)
24 Works the earth (5)
25 Long white priestly garment (3)
26 Hooked claw (5)
28 Telephone code (units) (3)
30 Peasant slave (4)
31 And not (3)
34 Musical play (5)
36 Stared lecherously (5)
37 Goblins (5)
38 Melted (6)
39 Petitioned God (6)

DOWN

1 Cite as evidence (6)
2 Drunkards (4)
3 Give off (4)
5 Grow less (4)
6 Provisions (8)
7 Lasso (6)
8 Exclude from admission (5)
10 Cut into shape with an axe (3)
13 Church musical instrument (5)
14 Revolving engine component (5)
16 Light fog (4)
18 Opposite of female (4)
19 Portable device for protection against rain (8)
20 Insect (3)
21 Come first (3)
25 Put into groups (6)
27 Less high (5)
29 Covered (6)
32 Primate (3)
33 Cutting tool with curved blade (4)
34 Finished (4)
35 Notice (4)

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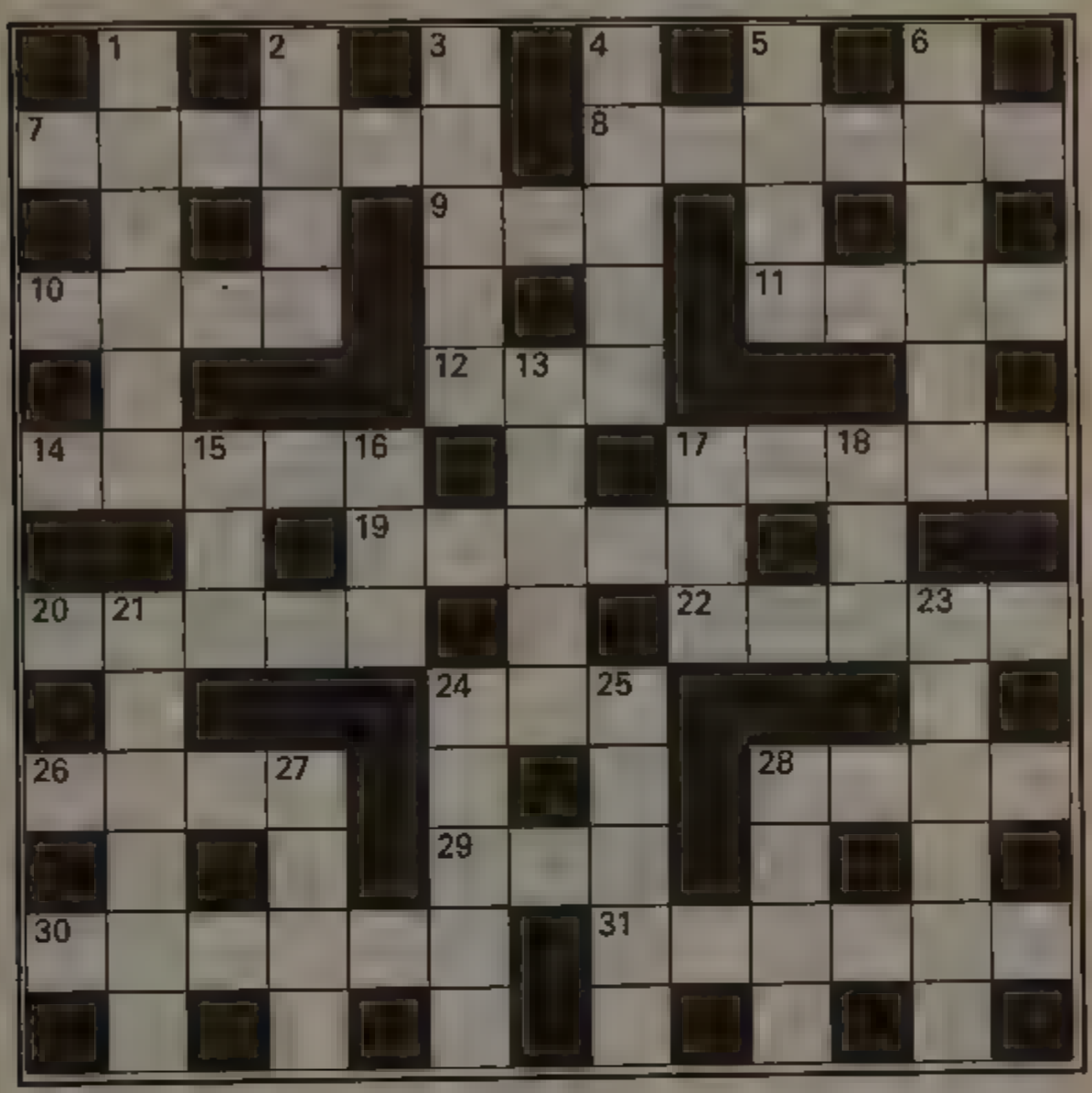


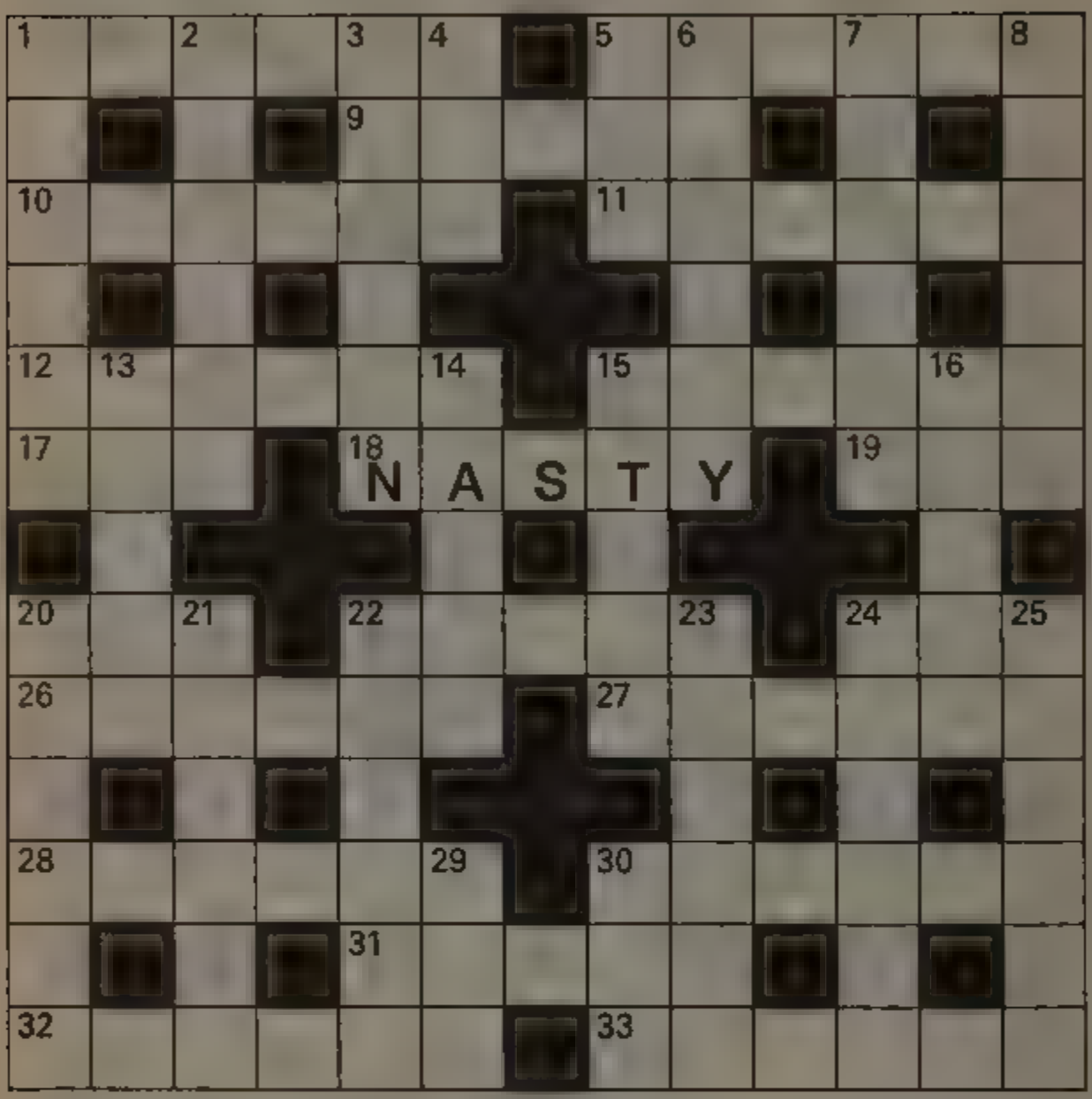
ACROSS

7 Tricks (6)
8 Virtually (6)
9 Poorly (3)
10 Deft (4)
11 Happy (4)
12 ___ up, command to a horse (3)
14 Choices offered by a restaurant (5)
17 Land measures (5)
19 Lords (5)
20 Shinbone (5)
22 Tracking dog (5)
24 Count (3)
26 ___ High, single by Iron Maiden (4)
28 Animal doctors (4)
29 Aged (3)
30 Withers (6)
31 Bridge-like framework to support lights, etc (6)

DOWN

1 Shake or rock (6)
2 Spindle (4)
3 Utilising (5)
4 Soothing ointment (5)
5 Mixture of smoke, fog, and chemical fumes (4)
6 Demesne, landed property (6)
13 Went wrong (5)
15 Main point (3)
16 The briny (3)
17 Burnt residue (3)
18 Rugby organisation (inits) (3)
21 Becomes liable to (6)
23 Vital force (6)
24 Got up (5)
25 Unreliable (coll) (5)
27 Retailer's place of business (4)
28 Grape plant (4)

Dilemma



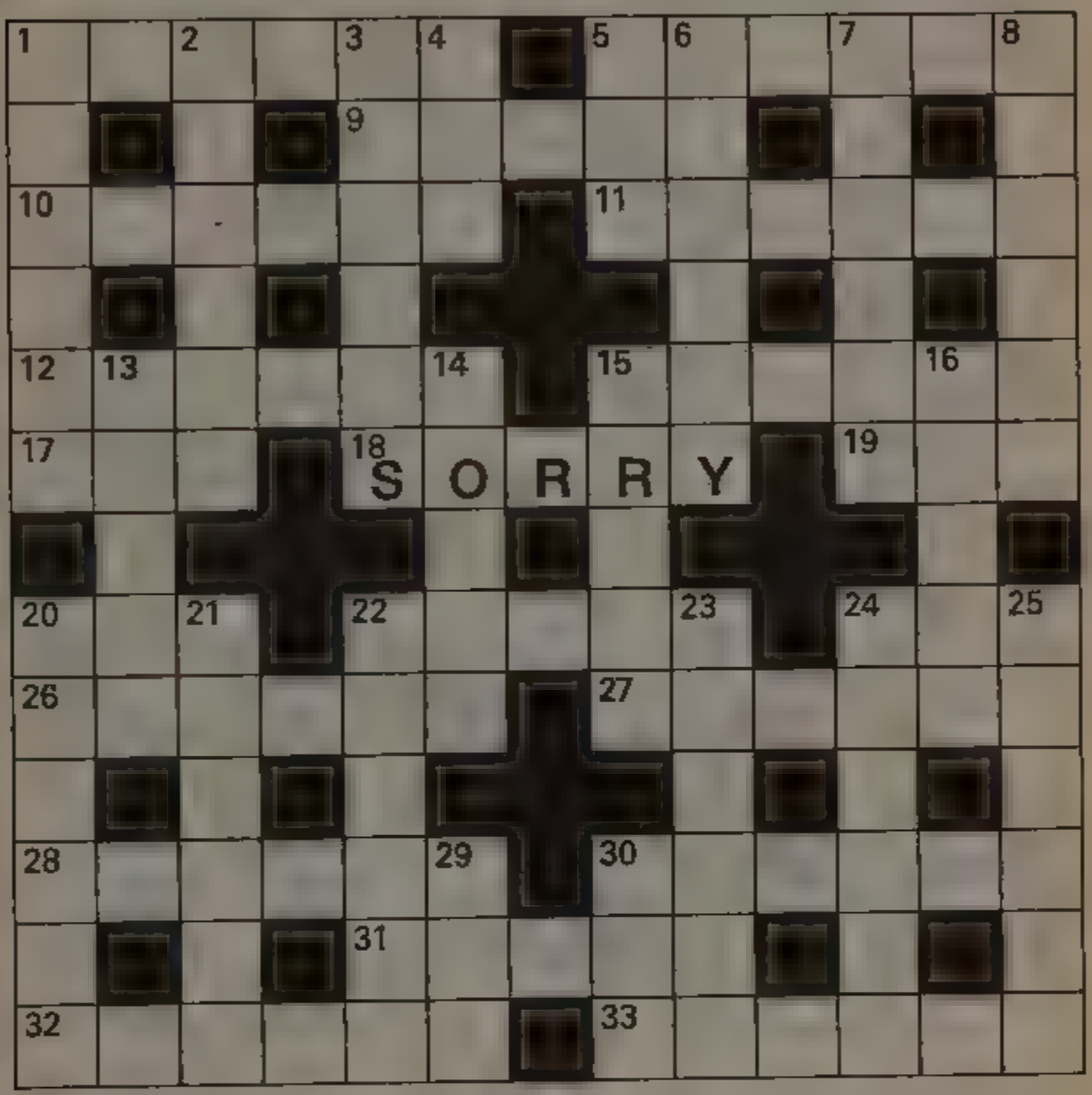
ACROSS

1 Straight forward
5 Gallery of historical objects
9 Safe place
10 Idea
11 Relating to a clan
12 Consider worthy
15 Airy cake
17 Fish eggs
18 Repentant
19 Domestic fuel
20 Become solid
22 Former Prime Minister
24 Drinking place
26 Making an attempt
27 Spanish dish
28 Channel
30 Existing
31 Weals
32 Hang loosely
33 Filament

DOWN

1 Horrified
5 Pamper
9 Chaos
10 Dirk
11 Dung beetle
12 Salad vegetable
15 Fair-haired
17 Fasten with a rope
18 Unpleasant
19 Obtain
20 Prayer
22 Serpent
24 Church seat
26 Roar
27 Die
28 Person with a prisoner
30 Unwell
31 Occurrence
32 Casseroled
33 Painful

TWO STRAIGHT CROSSWORDS – BUT THEIR CLUES HAVE BEEN MIXED UP. You have to decide which clue belongs to which pattern, but two words have been entered to give you a start.

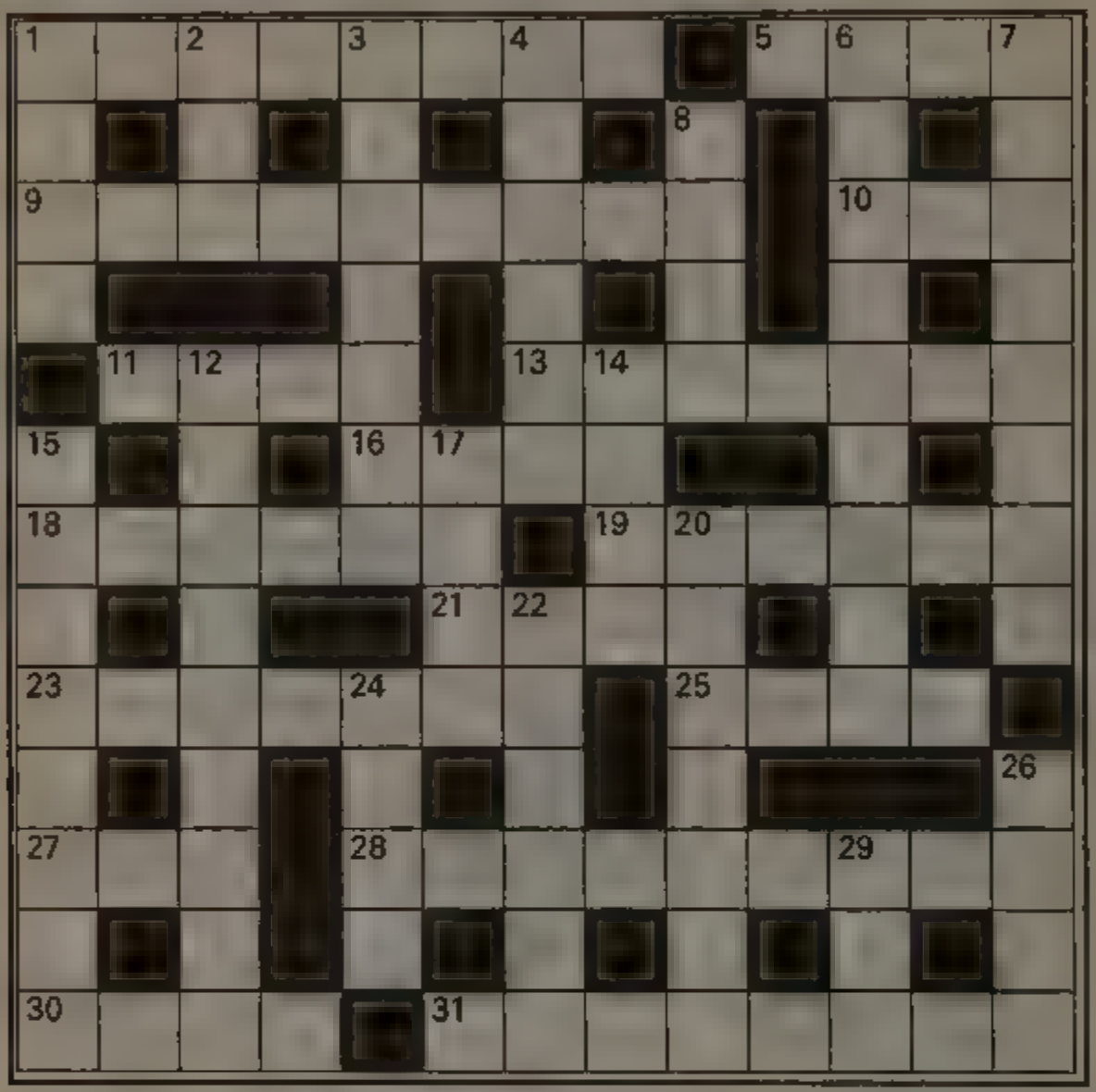


DOWN

1 Kidnap
2 Bargain
3 Selected
4 Sailor
5 Crisp-leaved lettuce
6 Move into accommodation
7 Flowing back
8 Charts
13 Find the solution
14 Recently born
15 Bend down
16 Judge's hammer
20 Put on a play
21 Pass
22 Whimper
23 Pungent vegetable
24 Felt sympathy
25 Mendicant
29 First woman
30 Permitted

1 Main meal
2 Turn
3 Grass clippers
4 Bronzed skin
5 Encountered
6 Badly behaved
7 Season
8 Wooden tool
13 Sea duck
14 Parrot
15 Slow down
16 Hesitate uncertainly
20 Counting device
21 Rich businessman
22 Miserable
23 Thrill
24 Flatfish
25 Moved from side to side
29 Fishing pole
30 Hard-working insect

Puzzler



ACROSS

1 Coming into being (8)
5 In the distance (4)
9 Feeling rather than knowing (9)
10 Sleuth (abbrev) (3)
11 Stare with an open mouth (4)
13 Preparing for publication (7)
16 Travel by animal or vehicle (4)
18 Operator of a writing-machine (6)
19 Find fault continually (6)
21 Takes food (4)
23 Ancient warship with three banks of oars (7)
25 Playthings (4)
27 Egg cells (3)
28 Intermittent (9)
30 Ground occupied or set apart for a building (4)
31 Worked out logically (8)

DOWN

1 Send out (4)
2 Alternative name for a newt (3)
3 Unpowered planes (7)
4 Fastened with spikes (6)
6 Appropriately (9)
7 Habitual frequenter of race meetings (8)
8 Type of house (abbrev) (4)
12 One who applies for a job (9)
14 Hollow in a surface, caused by a blow (4)
15 Stopping-places on a railway journey (8)
17 Thing on a list (4)
20 Narrow piece of land connecting two larger areas (7)
22 Put air into (6)
24 Orient (4)
26 Served a winner against (4)
29 University lecturer (3)

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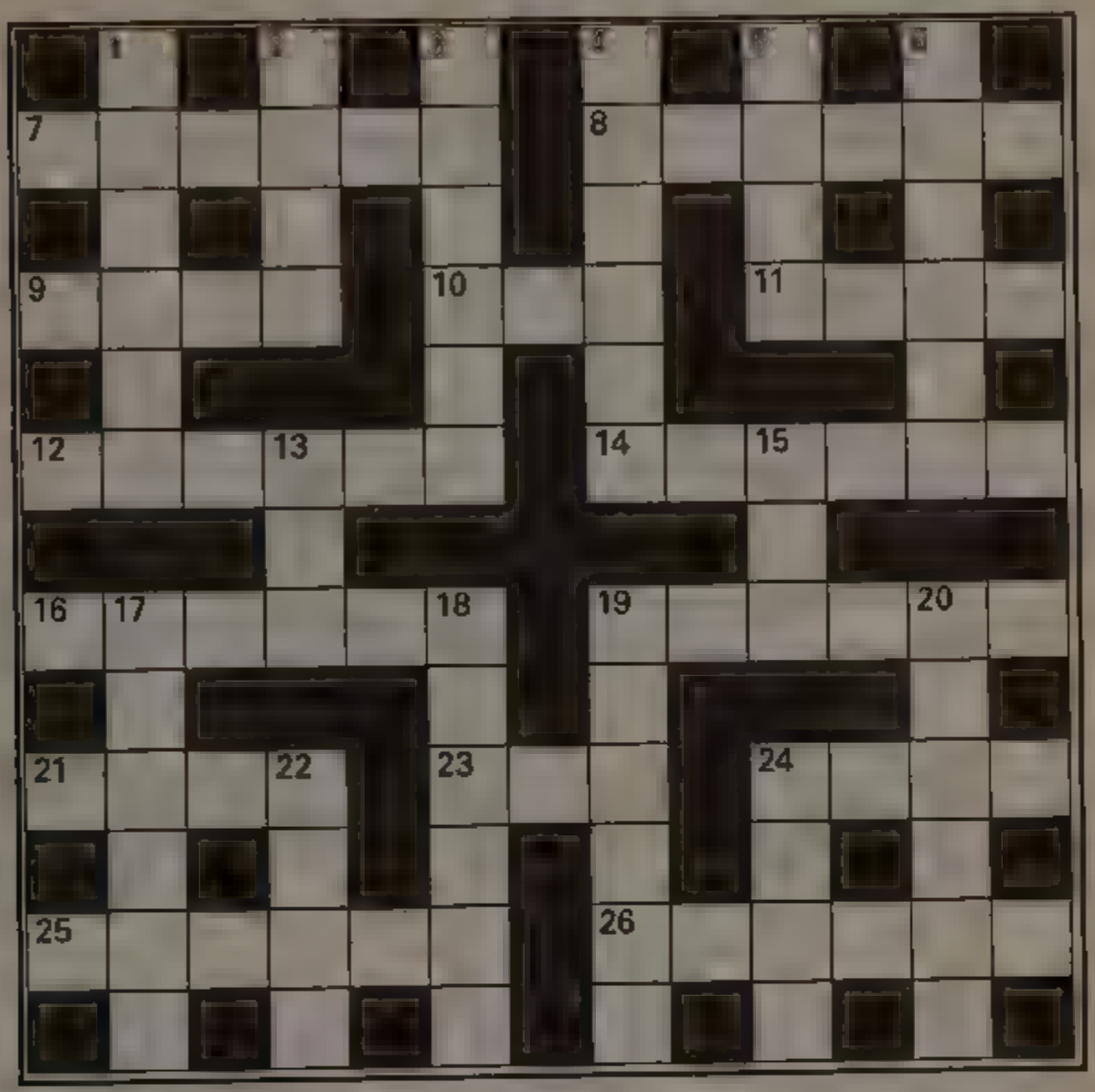


ACROSS

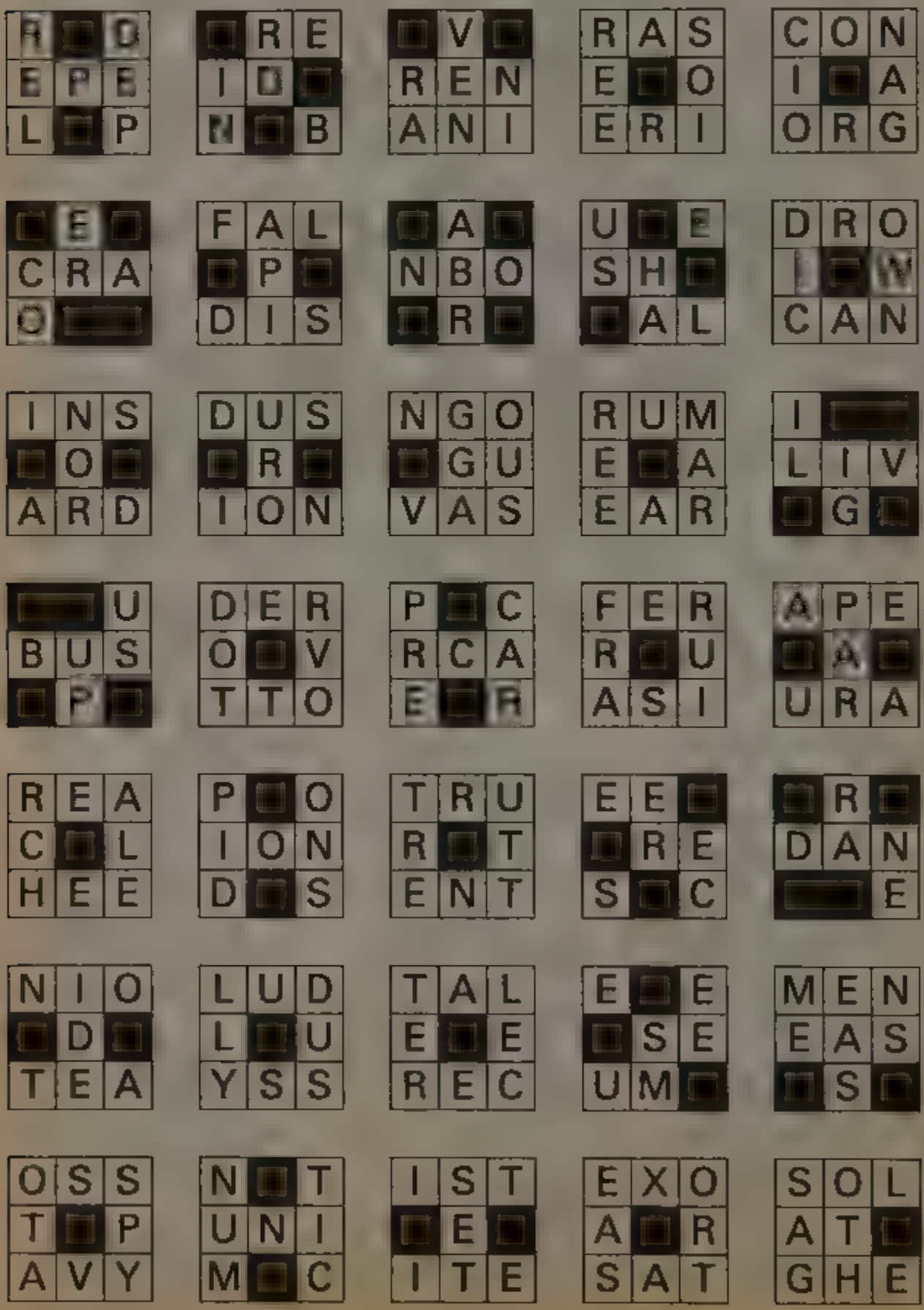
7 Excavating machine (6)
8 Preserve a body with aromatic drugs (6)
9 Ceramic square (4)
10 Woodcutting tool (3)
11 Eastern discipline (4)
12 Set alight (6)
14 Organ, once considered the seat of melancholy (6)
16 Stirred (6)
19 Eat by small bites (6)
21 Make level with the ground (4)
23 Central point at the core of a problem (3)
24 Friar ___, jovial friend of Robin Hood (4)
25 Promise (6)
26 Union for actors (6)

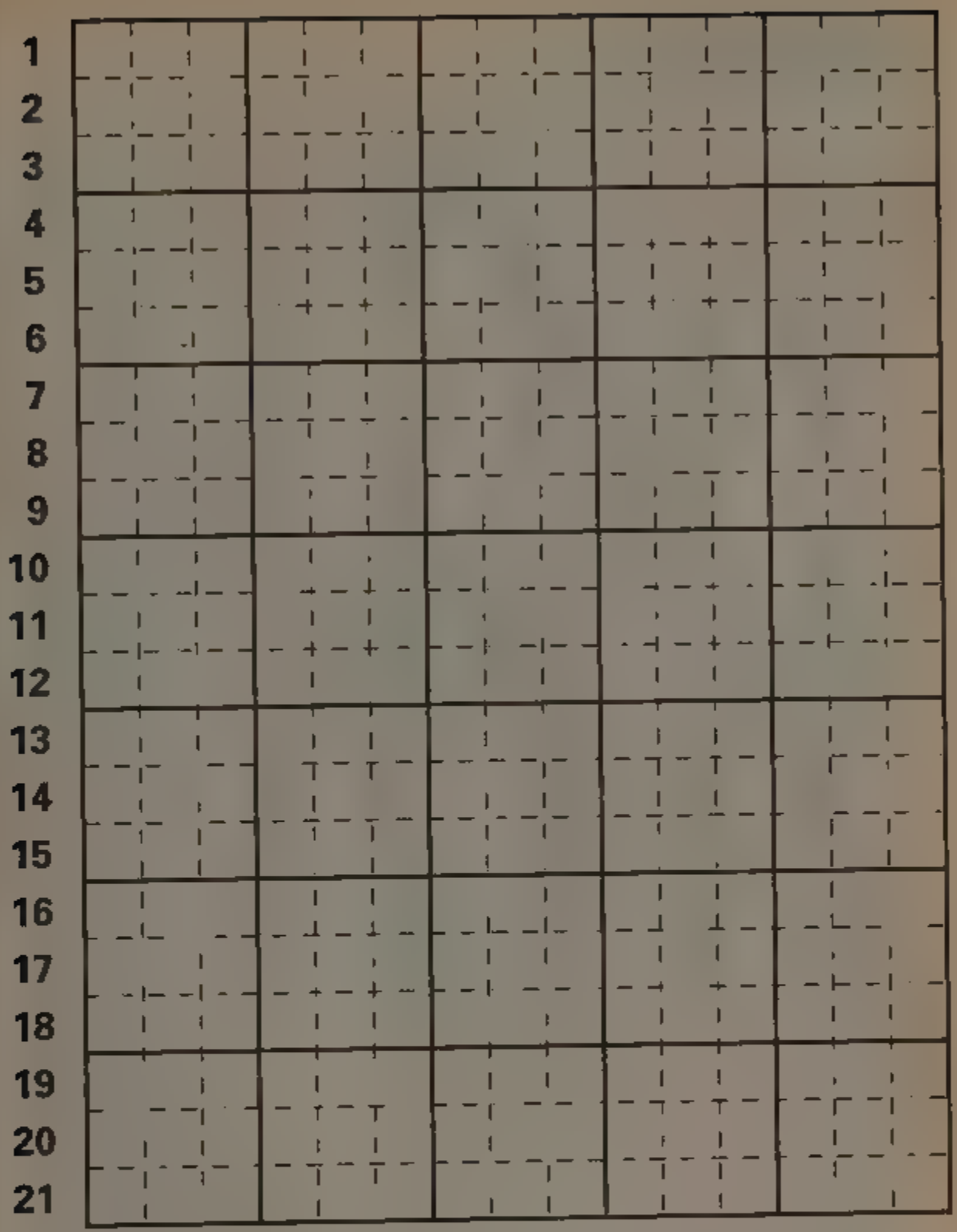
DOWN

1 Helping (6)
2 Fairy-tale giant (4)
3 Enclosed shopping area (6)
4 Repulses (6)
5 Competently (4)
6 Epidemic (6)
13 Of the thing (3)
15 Hit a ball high (3)
17 Medium of divine revelation (6)
18 Moves to music (6)
19 Obsolete gold coins (6)
20 Discover the place where something is (6)
22 Finishes (4)
24 Accordingly (4)

Pieceword

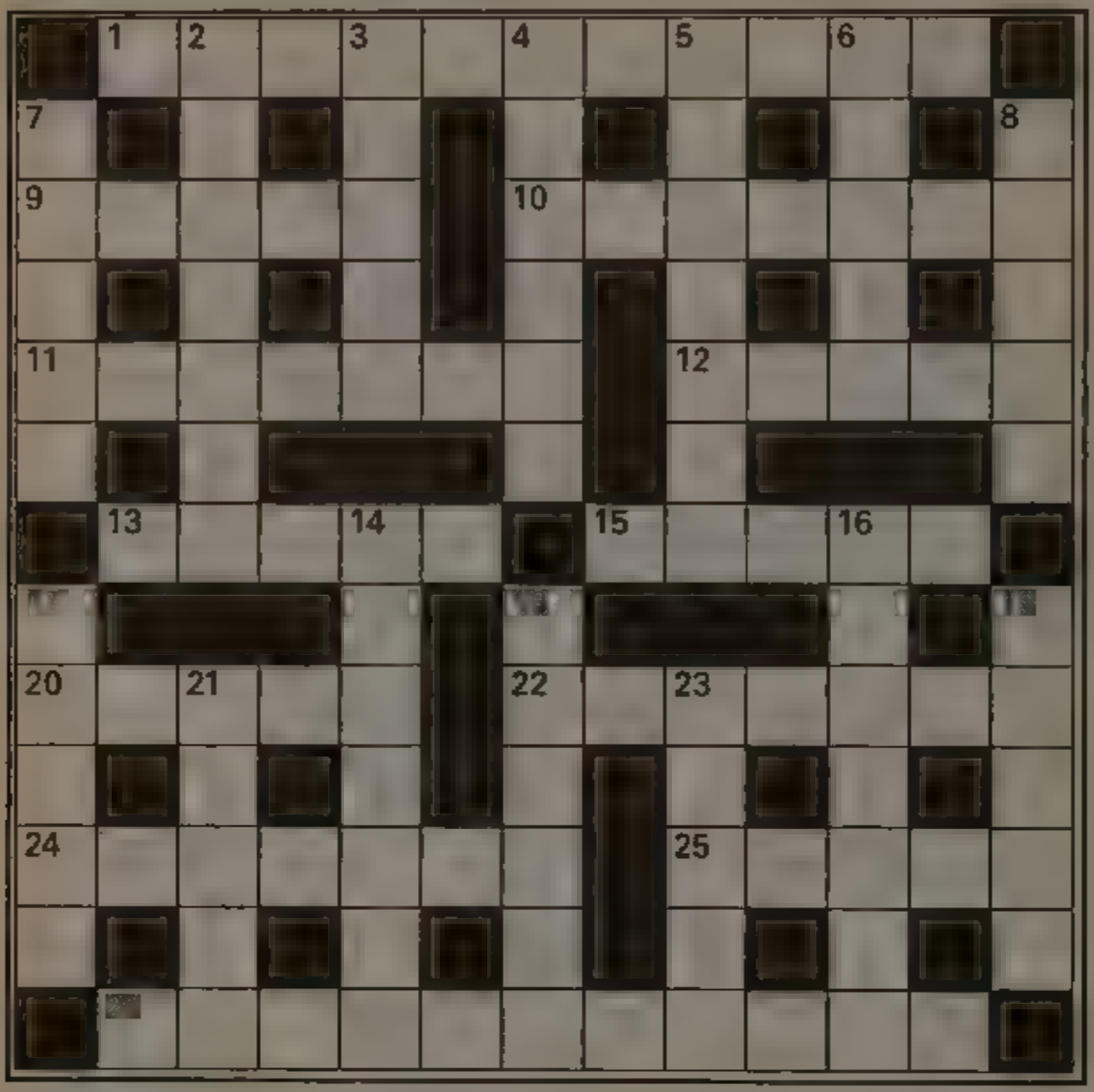
With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the 35 pieces into their correct positions in the empty grid (which, when completed, will exhibit a symmetrical pattern)?





1 Coarse file; prank; percussion instrument
2 Killer whale genus; duelling sword
3 Great Lake; rustic; ovoid fruit
4 Bird of prey; Biblical book
5 Sphere of combat
6 Confusion
7 Avoid
8 Collision; chair on poles
9 Madwort
10 Tropical Old World bird; fusible alloy
11 Small armed vessel
12 Tent; slum area of a city
13 Football official
14 Furious; picture puzzle
15 Criterion
16 Orchestral player
17 Torment
18 Zealous; repeat aloud
19 Harvest; pungent vegetable; throw
20 Jungle 'king', standard amount
21 Take notice; water vapour; tailless rodent

Puzzler



ACROSS

1 Flash of lightning (11)
9 Asian cat (5)
10 Guess (7)
11 Thus (7)
12 Edition (5)
13 Irritate playfully (5)
15 Manages for oneself (5)
20 Purloin, steal (coll) (5)
22 Diver's footwear (7)
24 Retitles (7)
25 Big cats (5)
26 Long established (11)

DOWN

2 Practice of cleanliness (7)
3 Hospital worker (5)
4 Writings on a theme (6)
5 Christen (7)
6 Expressions (5)
7 Declare (5)
8 Make merry (5)
14 Cooked above boiling water (7)
16 Educational certificate (7)
17 Employers (5)
18 Out of centre (6)
19 Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
21 Part of an archery target (5)
23 Inuit's home (5)

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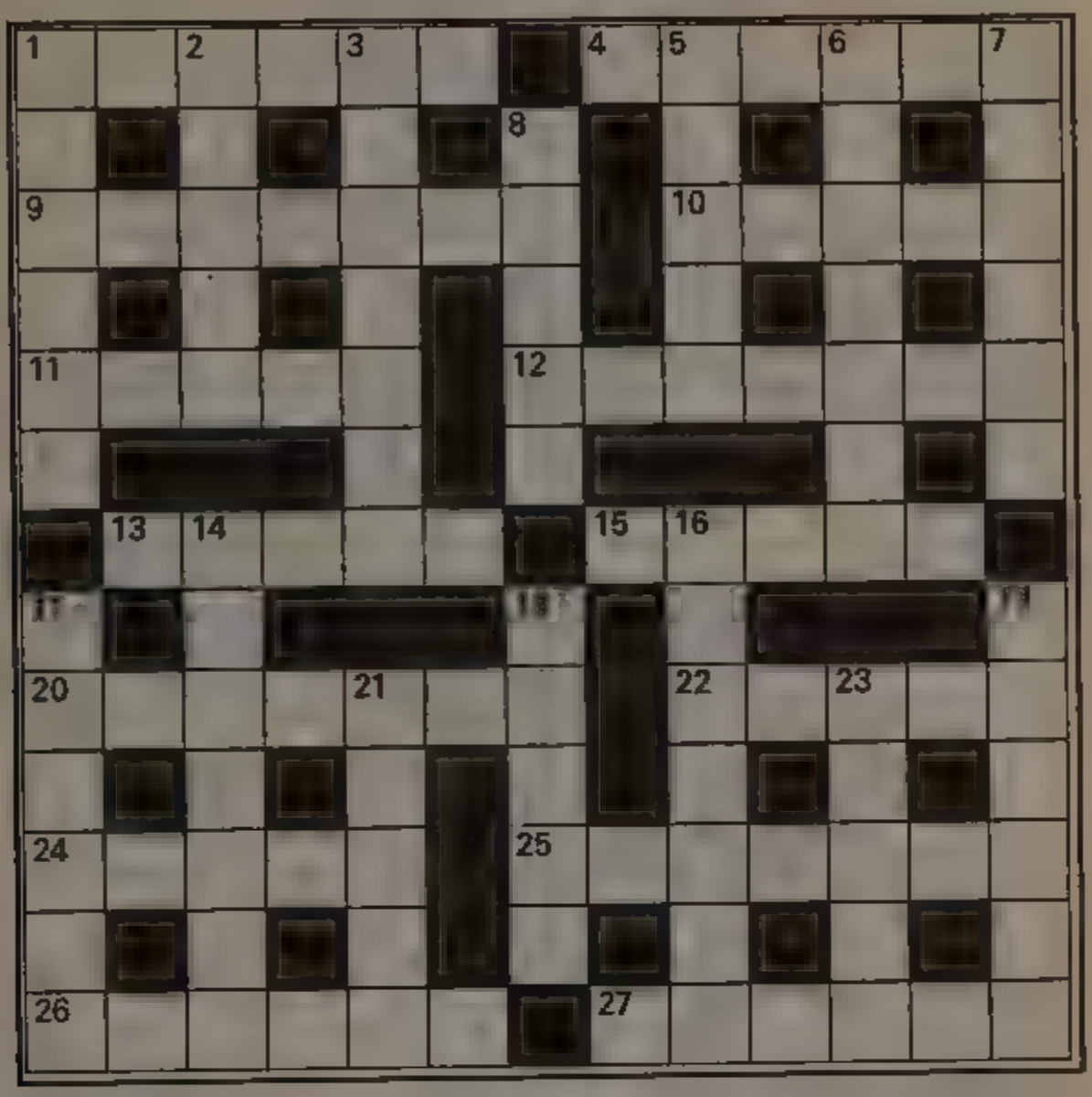


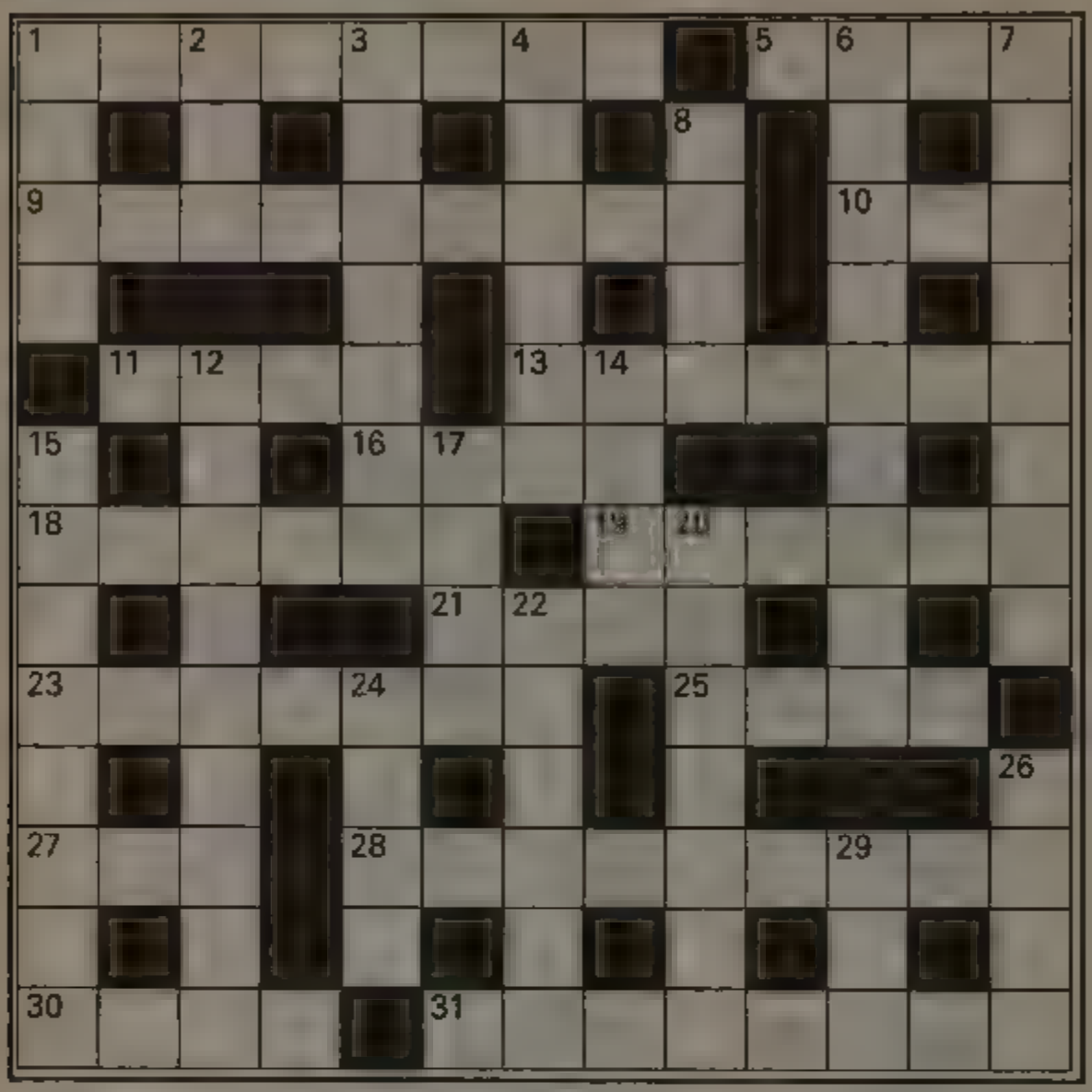
ACROSS

1 Shaped, developed (6)
4 Set light to (6)
9 Feminine (7)
10 Long rope with a running noose (5)
11 ___ boom, loud noise (5)
12 Specimen, illustration (7)
13 Pursue (5)
15 Empties (5)
20 Part left over (7)
22 Of an animal, hairy (5)
24 Cravings (5)
25 Well-respected (7)
26 Cheap, basic accommodation (6)
27 Heavenly body (6)

DOWN

1 Least (6)
2 Nose with a high, prominent bridge (5)
3 Castrated men (7)
5 ___ Meir, former Israeli Prime Minister (5)
6 Dull and bland (7)
7 Absconded with a view to marriage (6)
8 Cowhouses (5)
14 Tributes (7)
16 Rule infringement in hockey and soccer (7)
17 Complain (6)
18 Alternative (5)
19 Shellfish (6)
21 May lead one to marriage (5)
23 Christopher ___, actor (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

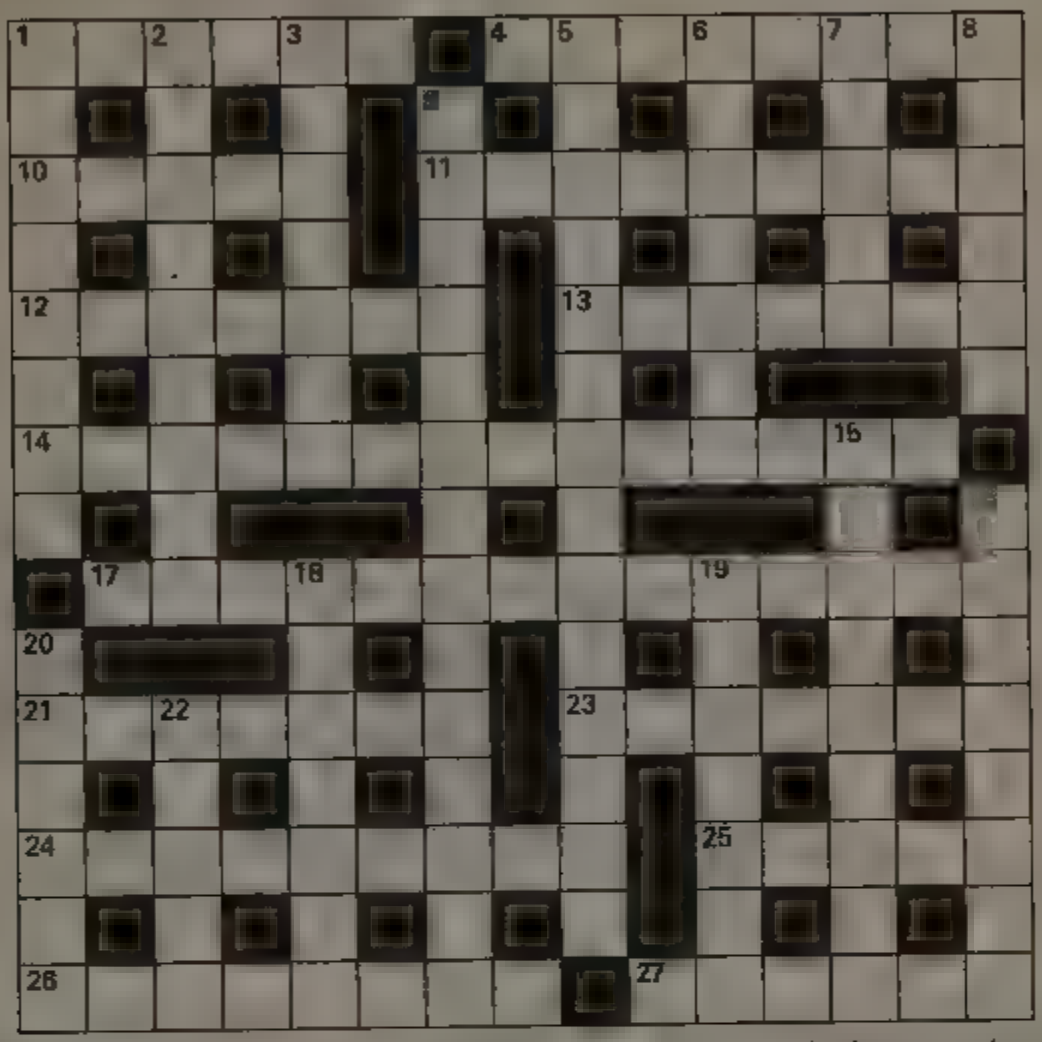
1 Lunar arrival (8)
5 Verge (4)
9 One wooing with song (9)
10 Shuddering cry (3)
11 Decorative skirting-board (4)
13 Facial hair on forehead (7)
16 Untie (4)
18 English landowner or country gentleman (6)
19 Land attached to a house (6)
21 Orphan (4)
23 Shows off (7)
25 Adds up (4)
27 Hawaiian decoration of flowers (3)
28 Added flavouring (9)
30 Longings (4)
31 Suppresses (8)

DOWN

1 Light fog (4)
2 Possessive adjective (3)
3 Bitterness, ill-will (7)
4 Moved furtively (6)
6 Disgrace (9)
7 Jostling (8)
8 Large perennial plant (4)
12 Flattery (9)
14 Hindu ascetic practising a form of meditation (4)
15 Handily (8)
17 Small amphibian with a tail (4)
20 Furthest back (7)
22 Humming with (6)
24 Bird's construction (4)
26 Long time (4)
29 Carp-like fish (3)

CRYPTIC

A full-blooded cryptic puzzle



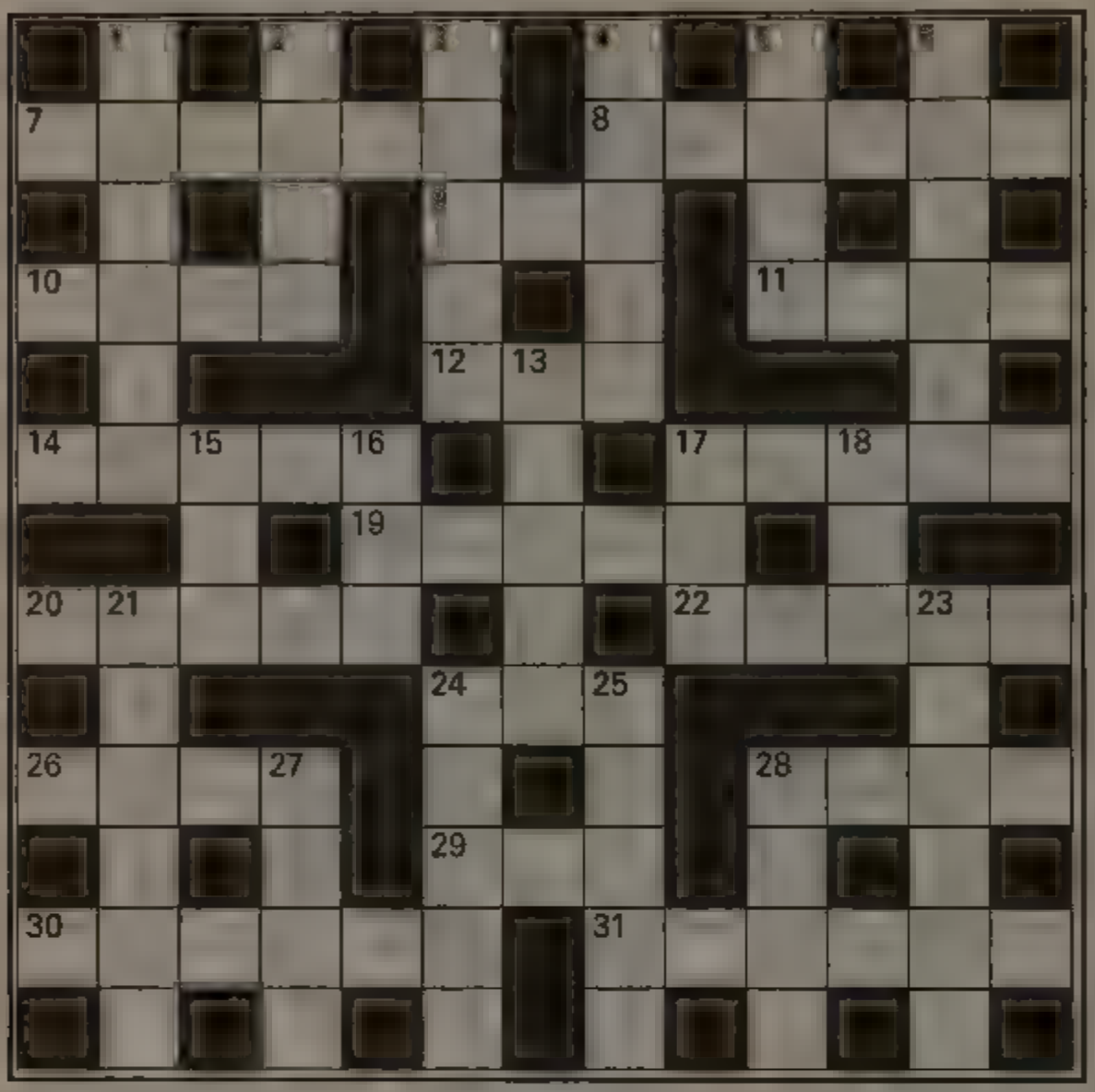
ACROSS

1 Does somehow include record that's put down (6)
4 State having a right to join another one (8)
10 Come second in a hill race? (3, 2)
11 Get rid of bird in select group (9)
12 Arranged a bazaar as the weather is expected to be fine (3, 4)
13 Stretcher that can go back (7)
14 Enjoying a good turnover apparently (7, 2, 5)
17 Maybe sit at ale bar, not with him? (5, 9)
21 Authorise although a couple of pence over surprisingly (7)
23 Disorderly mob in America found the vehicle (7)
24 It is true, one's twitch is lifelike (9)
25 In all directions I was trapped by the beasts (5)
26 Phaeton's part used to make another carriage (8)
27 Meat obtained by junior schoolboy first (6)

DOWN

1 Ridiculous scoffing (8)
2 Petty formality Colin and I put differently (9)
3 Females of high note (7)
5 Talk up (5, 4, 5)
6 Noted stirring? (7)
7 Inclination when not on the level (5)
8 Number in southern church creating a stink (6)
9 Dancer's unprogressive move? (10, 4)
15 Giving a subject a title perhaps (9)
16 Half-moon street (8)
18 Boil has festered – put an end to it (7)
19 One does not remember having this (7)
20 Frenzied artists found in subcontinental port (6)
22 Square record brought up with gazetteer, smallest article (5)

Puzzler



ACROSS

7 Make firm (6)
8 Butterflies in one's stomach? (6)
9 Two-wheeled carriage (3)
10 Travels on snow (4)
11 Wicket cross-piece (4)
12 Hitherto (3)
14 Sleeveless undershirts (5)
17 Tolerate (5)
19 Talks with a speech defect (5)
20 Pleased (5)
22 Recipient of a cheque (5)
24 Church rule-book (3)
26 Talking bird (4)
28 Draw in (4)
29 Make a mistake (3)
30 Increases power (6)
31 Angle greater than ninety degrees (6)

DOWN

1 Cloth for wiping the nose (abbrev) (6)
2 Puts in more (4)
3 Outraged (5)
4 Bar of gold (5)
5 Food (slang) (4)
6 Imposed (6)
13 Prose piece (5)
15 Soak (3)
16 Mr Stallone's nickname (3)
17 Small poisonous snake (3)
18 Slippery (3)
21 Regardless (6)
23 Put in a box (6)
24 Newspapers (5)
25 Register (5)
27 As well (4)
28 Location (4)

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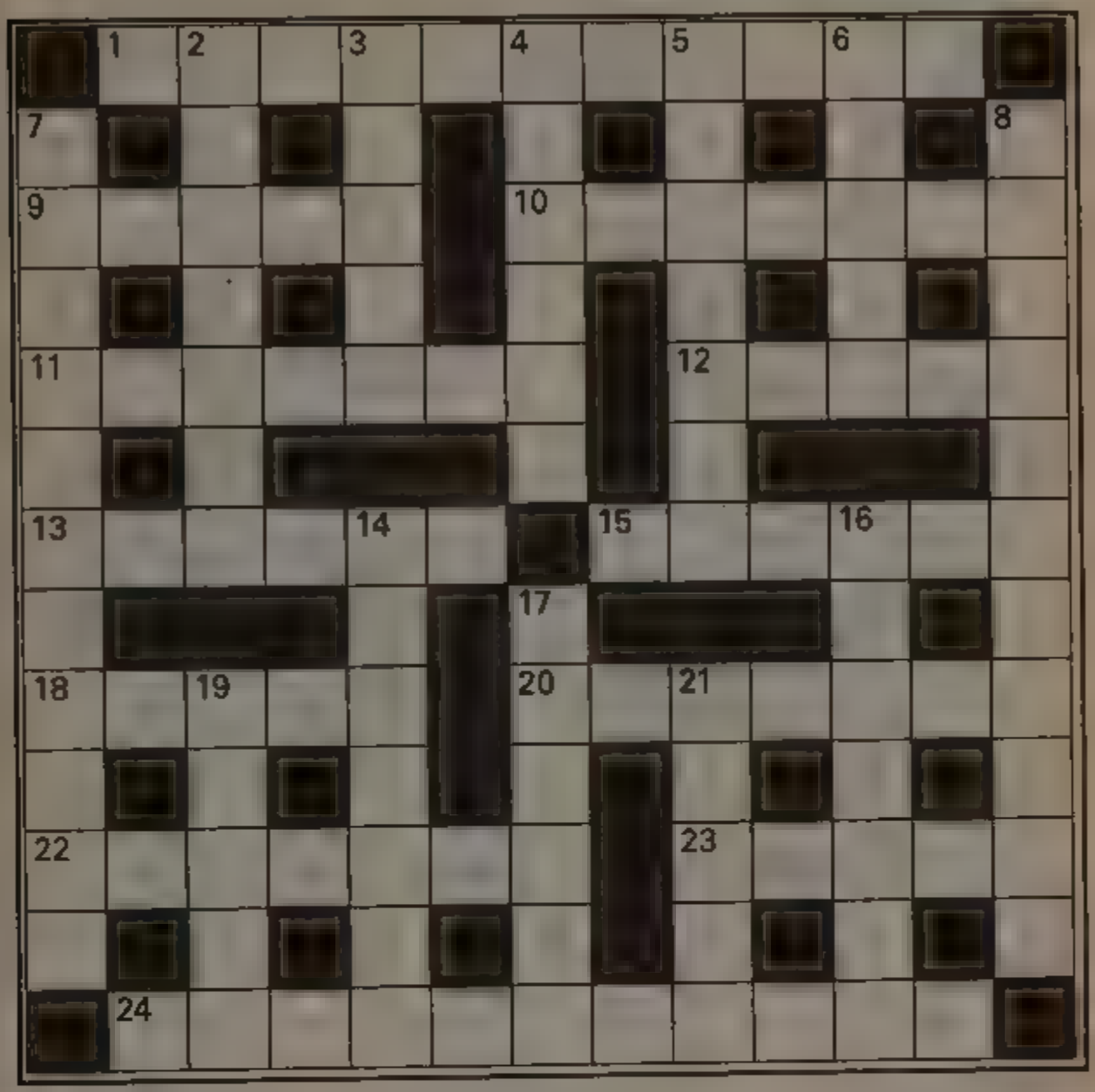

ACROSS

1 Build again (11)
9 Tenet (5)
10 Stored in excess (7)
11 Robbers (7)
12 Acclaim (5)
13 Tries (6)
15 Outcomes (6)
18 Field of conflict (5)
20 Able to be read (7)
22 Add to and improve (7)
23 ___ *Street Preachers*, UK rock group (5)
24 Primness (11)

DOWN

2 Absorb (7)
3 Egg-shaped (5)
4 Word used to describe a division in a church (6)
5 Harvest workers (7)
6 Officer in training (5)
7 Made impure (11)
8 Teenage years (11)
14 Longed for (7)
16 Relaxes (7)
17 Aviators (6)
19 Upper air(5)
21 Impish (5)

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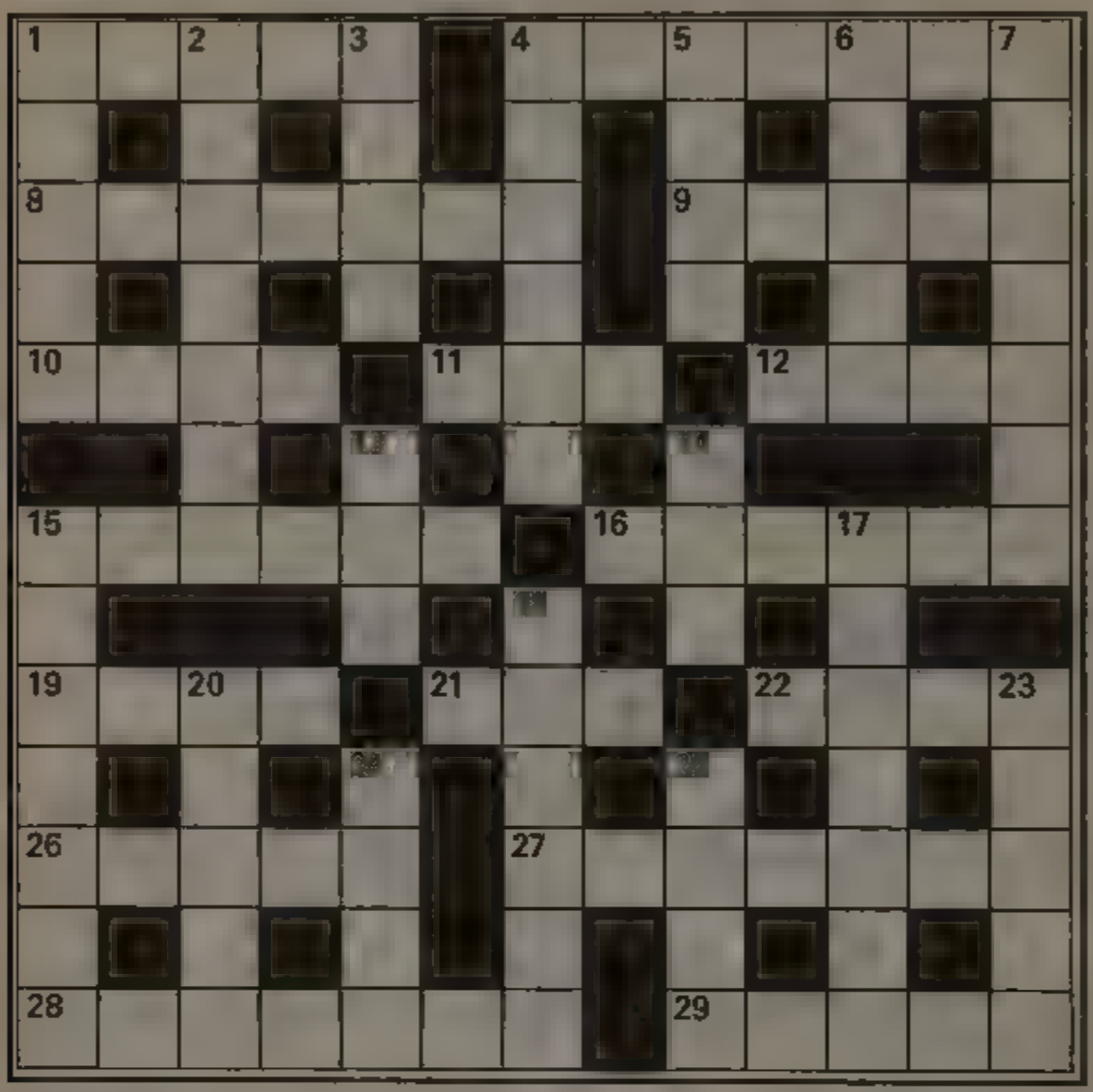

ACROSS

1 Drugged (5)
4 Any individual (7)
8 Thing characteristic of its kind (7)
9 One in possession (5)
10 Slender (4)
11 Opening device (3)
12 Skirt length between mini and maxi (4)
15 Large birds of prey (6)
16 Very heavy (6)
19 Inner skin of an orange (4)
21 Word denoting maiden name (3)
22 Utiliser (4)
26 Rounded shapes of bread (5)
27 Sinews (7)
28 Put in order, arranged (7)
29 Emotional (5)

DOWN

1 Residue of fermented drink (5)
2 ___ mantis, insect (7)
3 Deceive, trick (4)
4 Egg dish (6)
5 Selves (4)
6 Tedium (5)
7 Alien (7)
13 Small cask (3)
14 Sea or lake bottom (3)
15 Large shops (7)
17 Remove clothing (7)
18 Lodged (6)
20 Roof-worker (5)
23 Corroded (5)
24 See (4)
25 Had knowledge (4)

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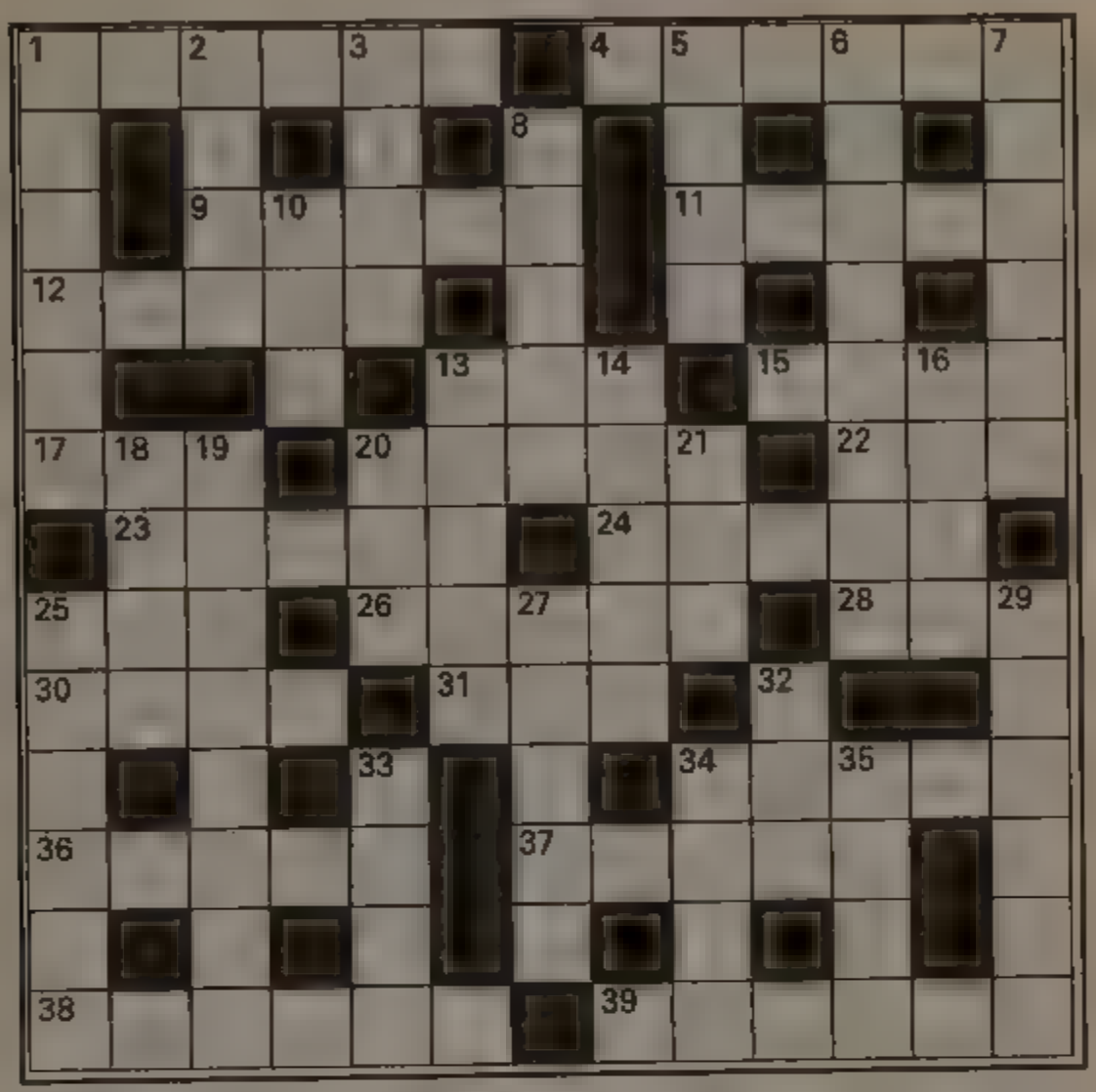


ACROSS

1 Sickly (6)
4 Gives extra power to (6)
9 Sharp tasting (5)
11 French passion! (5)
12 Sibling's daughter (5)
13 Wet earth (3)
15 Middle of the leg (4)
17 Toothed cutting implement (3)
20 Bus station (5)
22 Same (3)
23 Fellow competitor (5)
24 Financial advances (5)
25 Telephone system (inits) (3)
26 Fleshy (5)
28 Obtain (3)
30 Employs (4)
31 Printer's measures (3)
34 Lengthy books (5)
36 Makes a woollen garment (5)
37 Before stipulated time (5)
38 Assimilate food in the stomach and bowels (6)
39 Take the trouble (6)

DOWN

1 Misdeeds (6)
2 Stake put up before a new deal in poker (4)
3 Sole (4)
5 Cricket ground (4)
6 Making a mockery of (8)
7 Piercing yell (6)
8 Thick sweet liquid (5)
10 High or low playing-card (3)
13 Throng (5)
14 Stupid people (5)
16 Otherwise (4)
18 Skills (4)
19 Broadening (8)
20 Weir (3)
21 Dwarf breed of dog (3)
25 Drew in with the mouth (6)
27 Divine messenger or guardian spirit (5)
29 Sampler (6)
32 Personification of the sun (3)
33 Serpents (4)
34 In music, a group of three players (4)
35 Legend (4)

Roundabout

Solutions to Radial clues (1 to 24) start from the outer edge or centre of the circle and read inwards or outwards (so they are all five-letter words). Solutions to Circular clues read in either a clockwise or an anti-clockwise direction round the circle.

RADIAL:

INWARDS

1 Royal dog
2 Italian violin-making family
4 Church anthem
8 Coral reef
9 Pig food
11 Advantage
12 Small loose mountain stones
13 Mount ____, volcano
14 Level surface
15 Lonely
16 French school
17 Confused fight
18 Untrue
19 Fat
20 Got up
21 Voucher
23 Foreign
24 Mushrooms etc

OUTWARDS

3 Fidgety
5 Tax-saving scheme
6 Mark ____, US author
7 Stupid person
10 Hotel beaches
22 Necessities

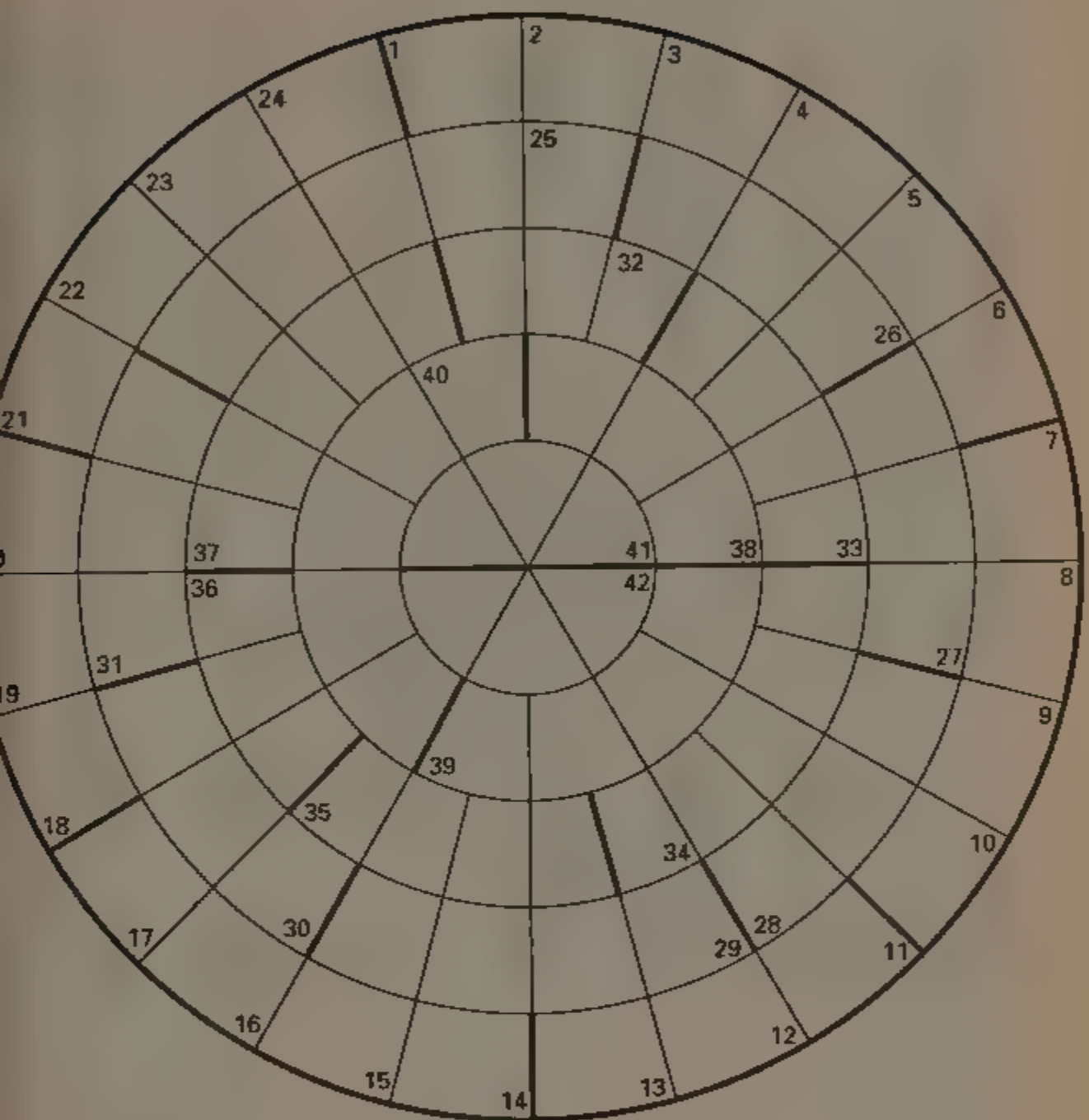
CIRCULAR:

CLOCKWISE

1 Caribbean island group
7 Exam mark
11 Small snake
14 Date producer
18 In favour of
29 Monk's home
30 Old yes
31 ____ degradable, able to be broken down
37 Bundle of wool
42 Shelter

ANTI-CLOCKWISE

24 Rapid
25 Design, pattern
26 Musical note
27 Prefix for three
28 Pledge
32 Motor
33 Direction
34 Wireless
35 Fire burner
36 Old measure
38 Damp
39 ____ Armstrong, astronaut
40 Farm birds
41 Cornish mine extract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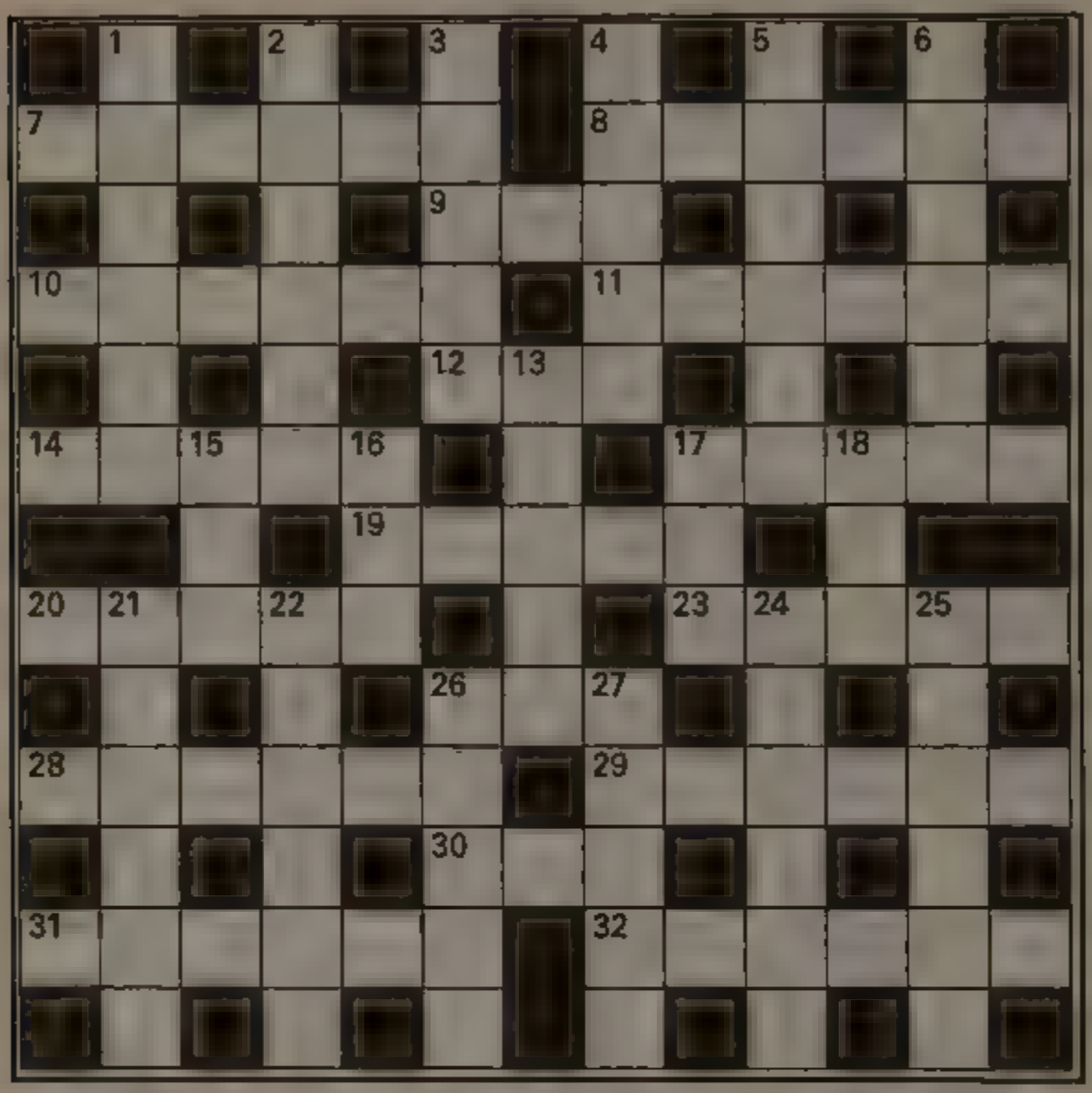

ACROSS

7 Took part in a game (6)
8 Statements of accounts (6)
9 Over there (3)
10 Soup ingredient pulse (6)
11 Character, disposition (6)
12 Produce eggs (3)
14 Assume authority (5)
17 Half-wit (5)
19 In possession of a weapon (5)
20 Ascender (5)
23 Of each thing (5)
26 Strange (3)
28 Cancels a mission (6)
29 Measurements, part of a foot (6)
30 Charged atomic particle (3)
31 Order (6)
32 Cutting tools (6)

DOWN

1 Sores (6)
2 Seafood (6)
3 Simpler place or time (5)
4 Skilful, shrewd (5)
5 Prepared for publication (6)
6 Record-player (6)
13 Pointed at a target (5)
15 ___ and downs, life's uncertainties (3)
16 Expected golf score (3)
17 Fish (3)
18 Frozen sweet (3)
21 Fills (6)
22 *The Comedy Of* ___, Shakespeare play (6)
24 Person who suffers harm from another (6)
25 Staggered (6)
26 Willow used in basket-weaving (5)
27 Brand of small toy models (5)

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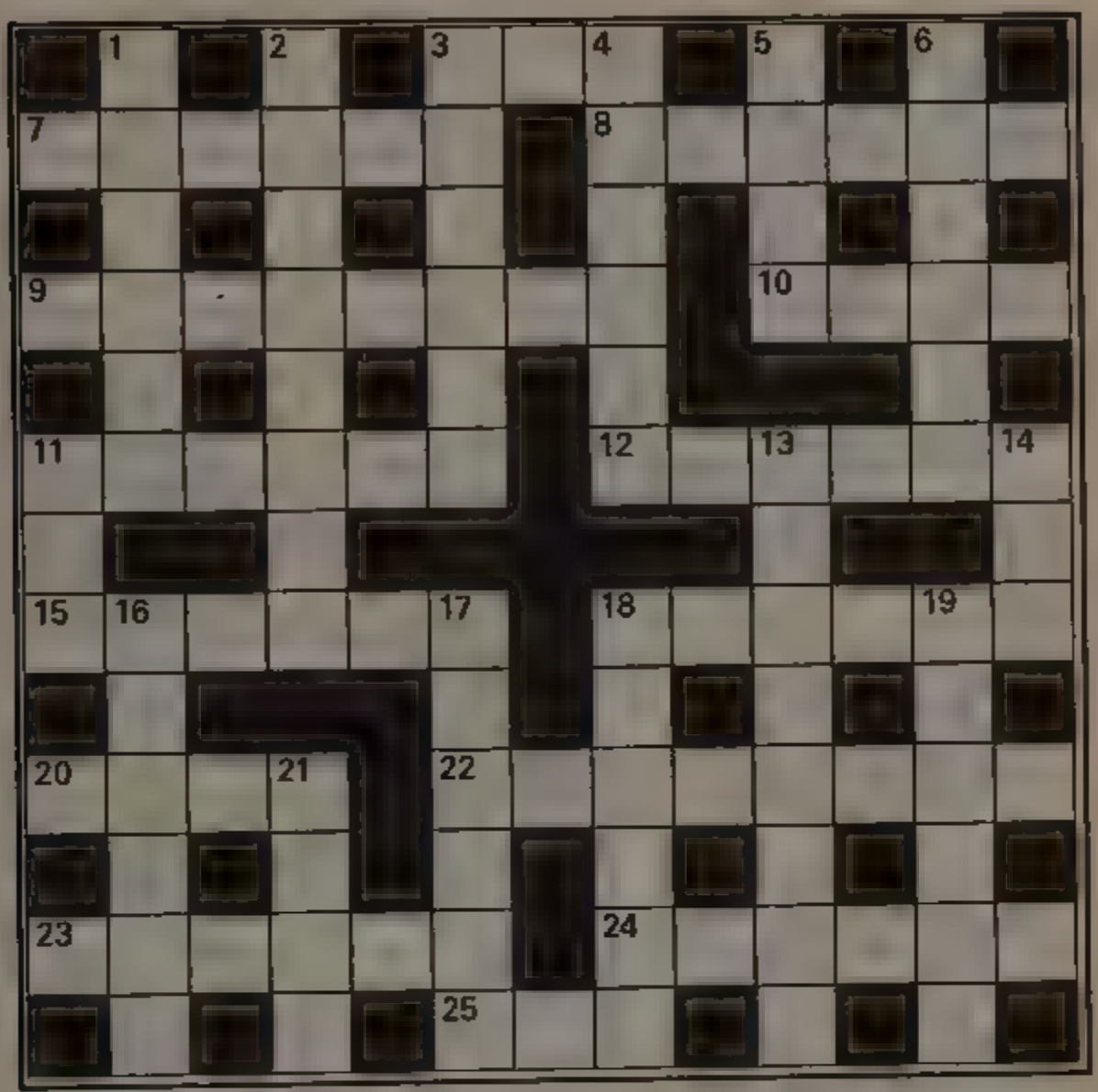


ACROSS

3 Plant that decorates walls (3)
7 Displease or anger someone (6)
8 Source (6)
9 Reproduce the conditions of (8)
10 Internal view (1-3)
11 Smiles foolishly (6)
12 Ice-dancer (6)
15 Fondle, pamper (6)
18 Fed gluttonously (6)
20 Outer area (4)
22 Release (8)
23 Part of a flower (6)
24 Chocolate, cream, and pastry bun (6)
25 Just a little (coll) (3)

DOWN

1 Declare to be true (6)
2 Needs (8)
3 Beliefs (6)
4 Sings in an alpine way (6)
5 Bold, flirtatious, or scheming woman (4)
6 Optical illusion (6)
11 Latin for 'thus' (3)
13 Sprays (8)
14 Item of fishing tackle (3)
16 Peculiar trait (6)
17 One who skips school (6)
18 Having natural talent (6)
19 Wink with this (6)
21 Trees (4)

Story Crossword

Transfer the words which complete the story to the grid and then put the circled letters in the right order to discover the name of the famous character therein described.

He was born in South ____ (14D) in 1946 and was educated at the ____ (12D) mission school at Mariannhill where he did so well that he was able to ____ (11A) the University of Natal in 1966 to study medicine.

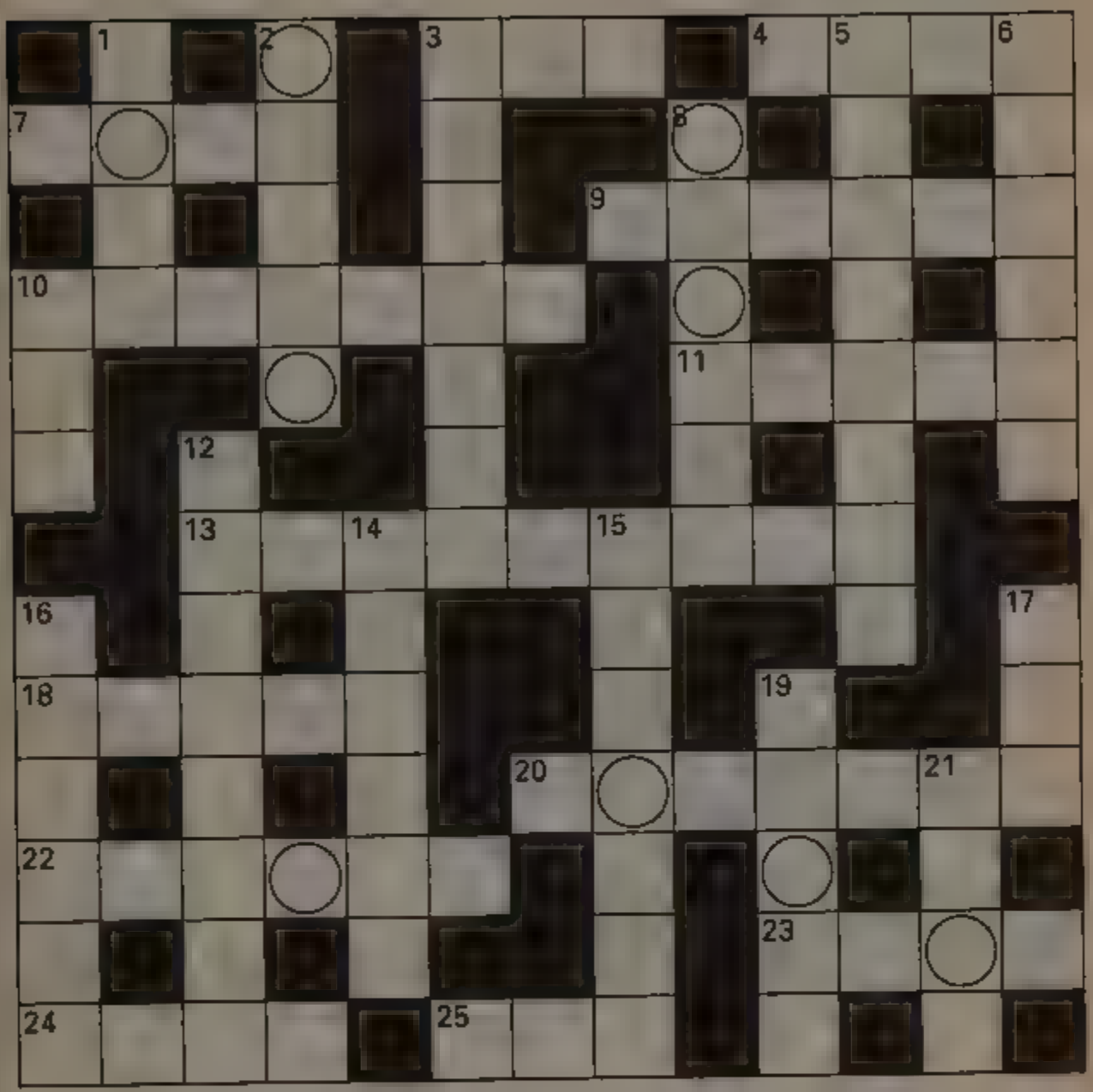
He ____ (20A) to become involved in several political organisations and was one of the founders of the ____ (2D) *Consciousness Movement* in the late 1960s, seeing himself as a ____ (3D) in the struggle to get rid of ____ (13A). One of the main aims of this ____ (19D) was to change the ____ (5D) of black people; he wanted them to develop a sense of pride so that they would be ____ (9A) able to fight for their rights.

In 1972, the *Black Consciousness Movement* joined together with more than seventy ____ (18A) organisations to form the *Black People's Convention* and he was named as honorary president. He was expelled from university for his political activities but he continued his fight to ____ (16D) the government.

In 1973, the government and the ____ (22A) began to make life difficult for him, banning him from many activities and ____ (10A) him under arrest several times. When he was released, he continued to campaign against the repressive regime, ____ (21D) though he ____ (3A) himself in ____ (7A) danger by doing so.

In 1977, he was arrested again. He received a ____ (8D) beating while he was in custody. He lapsed into a coma and died.

The ____ (4A) caused a great ____ (1D) of international pressure to be brought to bear on South Africa. Foreign governments insisted that the people responsible for his



death should be made to ____ (10D) for their brutality. An inquest into his death ruled that the police had committed no ____ (6D) though, and that they ____ (17D) not ____ (23A) excessive force against him. ____ (24A) of the officers involved was acquitted.

Ten years after his death, Sir Richard Attenborough made a film of his life. The film, ____ (25A) *Freedom*, has helped to ensure that he will go down in ____ (15D) as a martyr for the cause of black nationalism.

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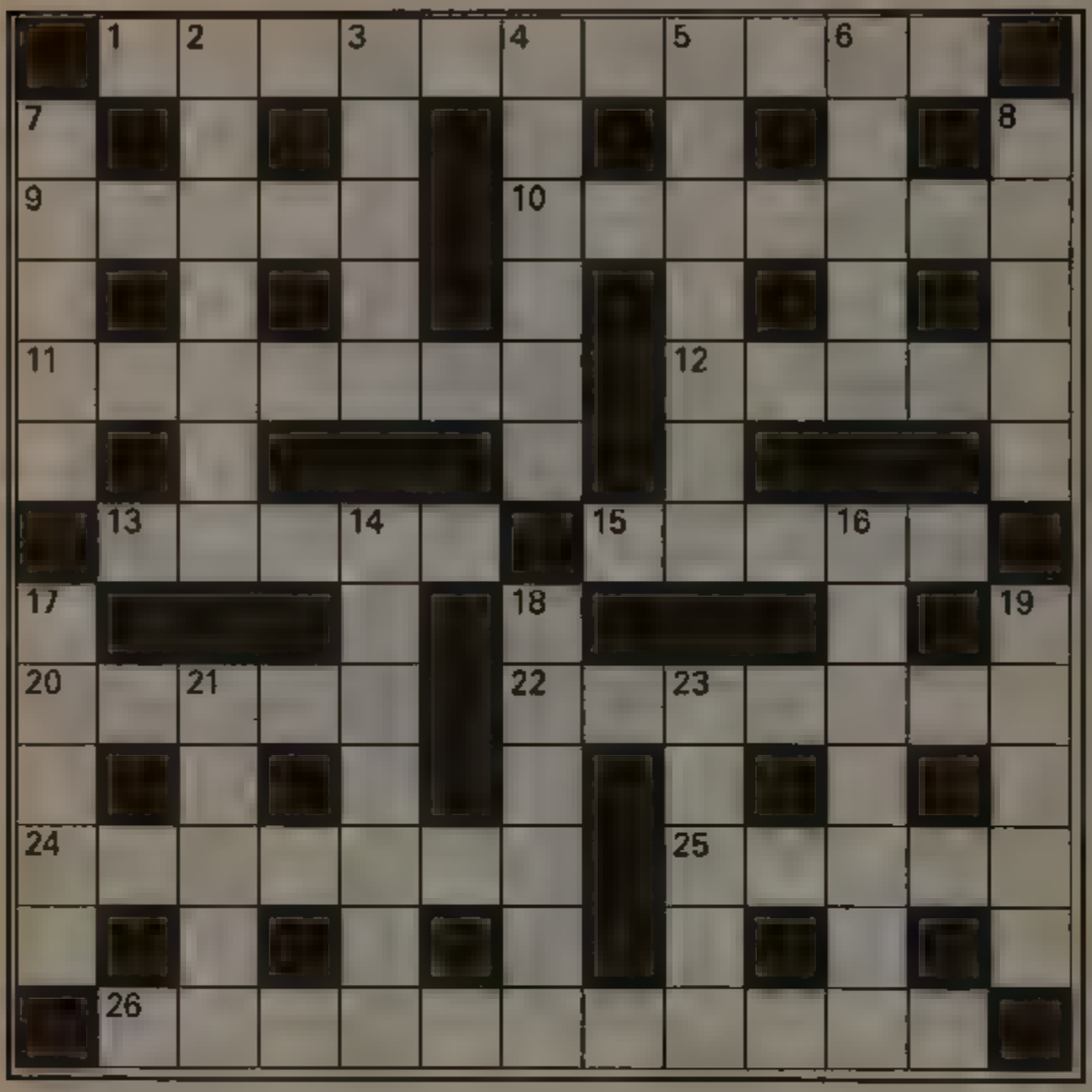

ACROSS

1 Become actively involved (11)
9 Important (5)
10 Skilled people (7)
11 Fights back (7)
12 Perfume (5)
13 Employing (5)
15 Surface slant (5)
20 Longing (5)
22 Not in good condition (7)
24 Swallows up (7)
25 Element combined with oxygen (5)
26 Narrator (11)

DOWN

2 Alters (7)
3 Becomes weary (5)
4 Cheddar, Stilton etc (6)
5 Native American child (7)
6 Main portion of the body (5)
7 Smug smile (5)
8 Unfair lending (5)
14 Fidgety person (7)
16 Learned (7)
17 Totted up (5)
18 Dusk (6)
19 Bordered (5)
21 Bar of bullion (5)
23 Bobbin (5)

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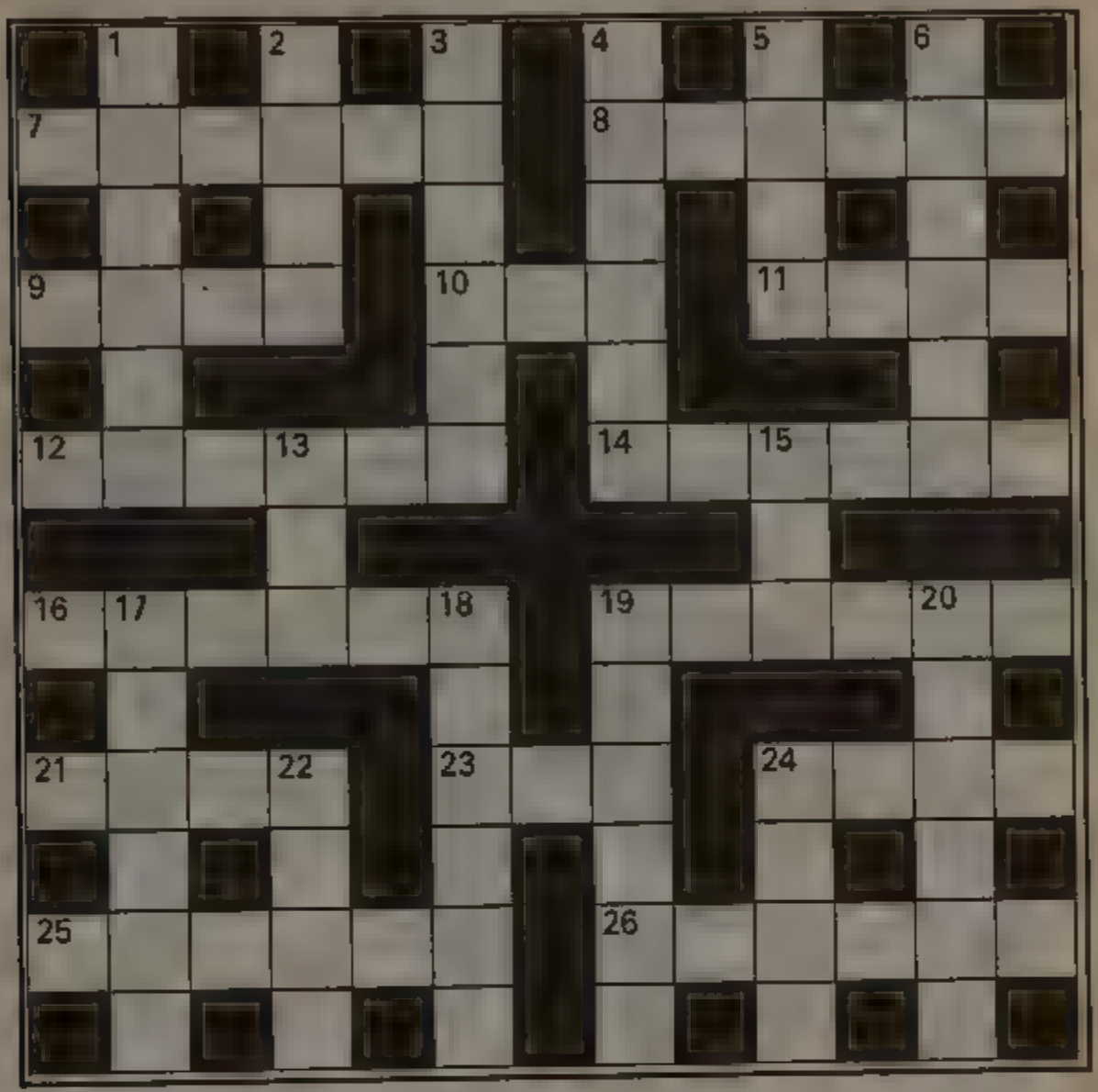

ACROSS

7 Wanders aimlessly (6)
8 Without clothing (6)
9 Person operating a computer (4)
10 Fish of the carp family (3)
11 Liquid food (4)
12 Comfortably (6)
14 Showed signs of tiredness (6)
16 Bordered (6)
19 Abundance (coll) (6)
21 Cheque counterfoil (4)
23 Day before (3)
24 Quote an example (4)
25 Seldom seen (6)
26 Roving (6)

DOWN

1 Having come up (6)
2 At a great distance (4)
3 Make into bone (6)
4 Certainly (6)
5 Decorates a cake (4)
6 Fully developed (6)
13 Two-wheeled carriage (3)
15 Bundle (3)
17 Tempt (6)
18 Lorry fuel (6)
19 Corkscrew (6)
20 Still living (6)
22 Sound of a dog (4)
24 Irish county and city (4)

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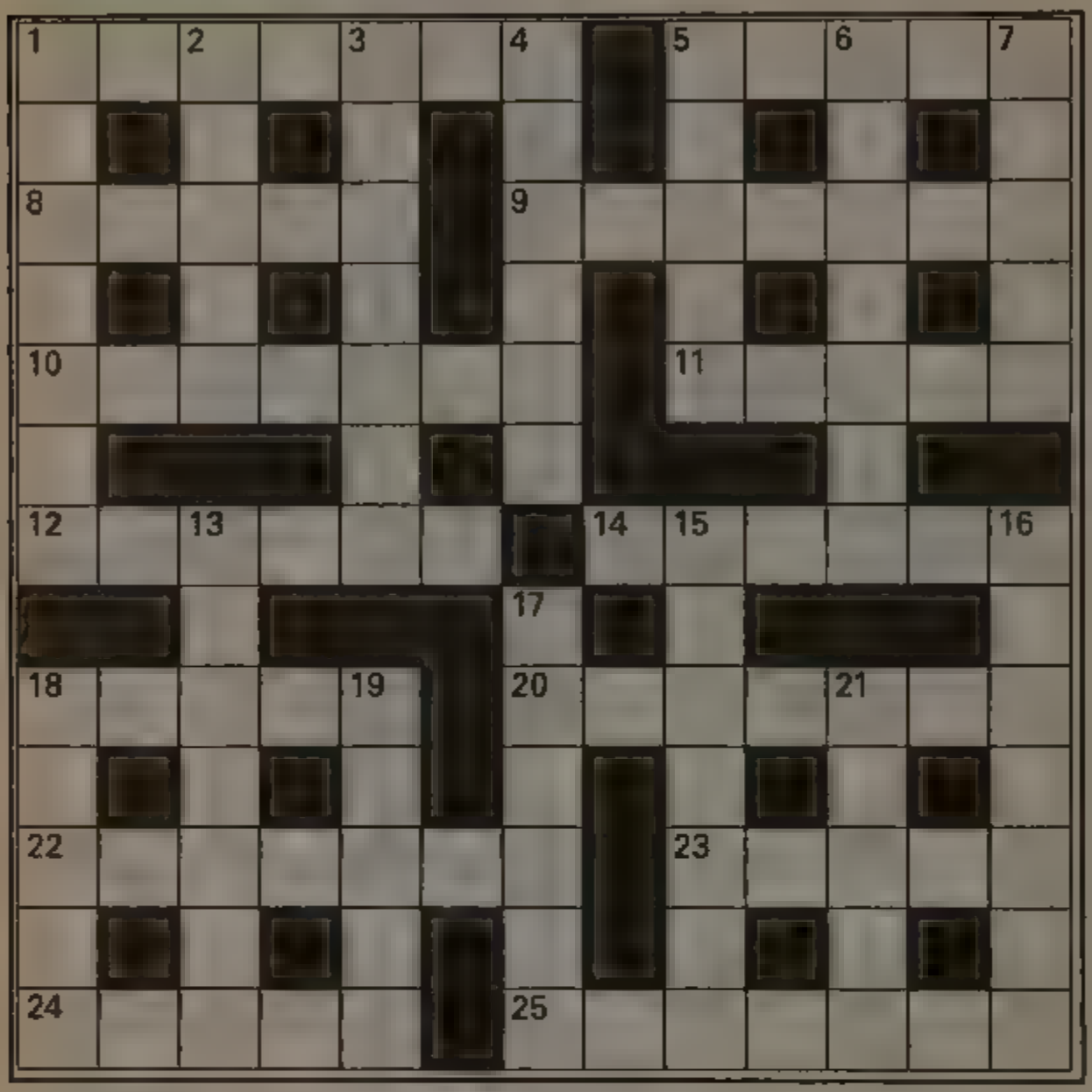


ACROSS

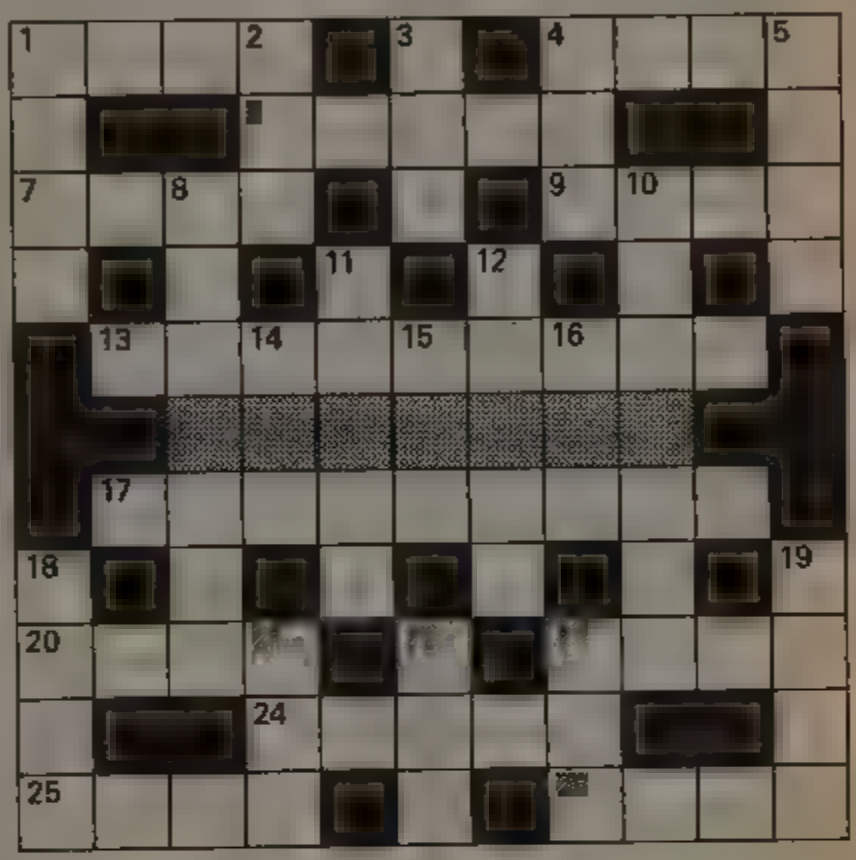
1 Coloured pencils (7)
5 Slop over (5)
8 Chosen few (5)
9 Proved beyond doubt (7)
10 Word meaning the same (7)
11 Small birds of prey (5)
12 Exactly observed (6)
14 Delicate and sensitive (6)
18 Male goat (5)
20 Straighten out (7)
22 Colouring matter (7)
23 Small cove (5)
24 Places (5)
25 Gave way (7)

DOWN

1 Foods made from curdled milk (7)
2 Unfamiliar (5)
3 Of the sea (7)
4 Hot and humid (6)
5 Fasten (5)
6 Egged on (7)
7 Swimming beaches (5)
13 Dependent (7)
15 Entangle (7)
16 Revolved (7)
17 Having a peculiar action (6)
18 Performs for money from passers-by (5)
19 Jerks (5)
21 Did nothing (5)

DATELINE

A number jig with a difference: with clues to figure out (with the help of a calculator if you wish!) to discover the date in the shaded line – in this case, the birthdate of a famous actress.



ACROSS

1 Half *6 across*
4 Subtract *21 down* from *1 across*
6 Add 10,000 to *26 across*
7 Subtract 8,338 from *24 across*
9 Subtract 784 from *7 across*
13 Square *6 across*
17 Square *24 across*
20 Subtract 5,000 from *4 across*
23 Subtract 2 from *26 across*
24 Next in series 13,030, 13,131, 13,232, ...
25 Multiply *2 down* by 10
26 Add 1,072 to *25 across*

DOWN

1 Multiply *4 down* by 10
2 Add 5 to *21 down*
3 Square root of 14,884
4 Add 502 to *3 down*
5 Subtract 10 from *19 down*
8 Add 9,536,460 to *1 down*
10 Subtract 6,653,828 from *8 down*
11 Subtract 2,865,600 from *10 down*
12 Add 4,616 to *11 down*
14 Add 261 to *15 down*
15 Next in the series 419, 518, 617, ...
16 Subtract 468 from *15 down*
18 Add 1,000 to *1 across*
19 Add 690 to *22 down*
21 Subtract 122 from *23 down*
22 Add 100 to *23 down*
23 Square root of 53,824

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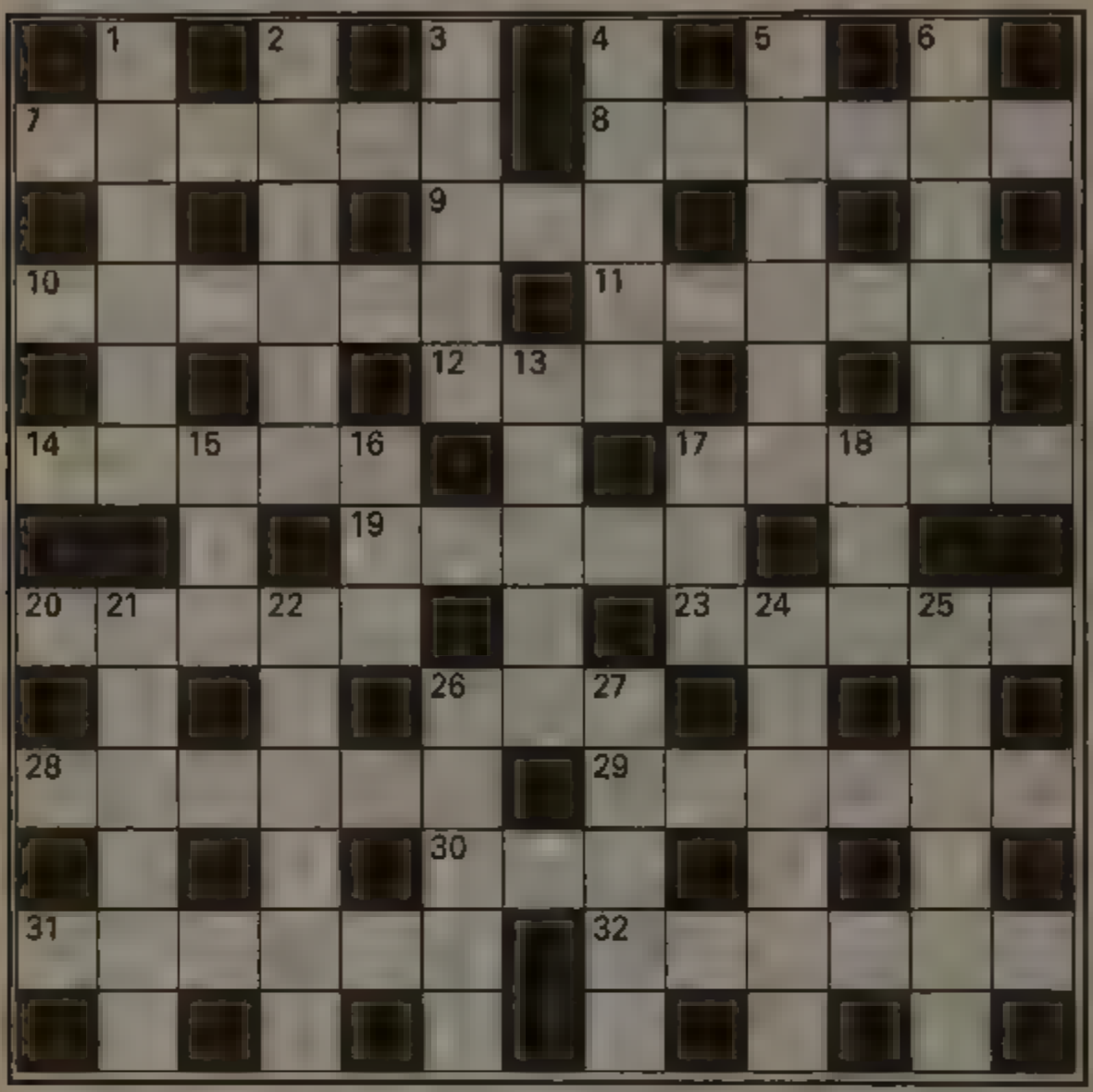

ACROSS

7 Constructs (6)
8 Recording (6)
9 Thick piece of wood (3)
10 Gain retribution (6)
11 Wives of lords (6)
12 Definite article (3)
14 Overtly luxurious (5)
17 Looking at (5)
19 Beginning (5)
20 Ate (5)
23 Abundantly (5)
26 Fool (3)
28 Pain in the side from running (6)
29 Oriel or sash (6)
30 Have a duty to render (3)
31 Material forming the surface of a tooth (6)
32 Tall, upright support (6)

DOWN

1 Undertake a journey (6)
2 Teatime favourites (6)
3 Little island (5)
4 Open fireplace (5)
5 Heavy and uninteresting (6)
6 Out of sight (6)
13 Party givers (5)
15 Container for ashes (3)
16 Trough for bricks (3)
17 Approximate arrival time (inits) (3)
18 Wicked spirit (3)
21 Recite (6)
22 Bury (6)
24 Hack or mutilate by blows (6)
25 Bathtime accessory (6)
26 Gripping (arch) (5)
27 Brushed (5)

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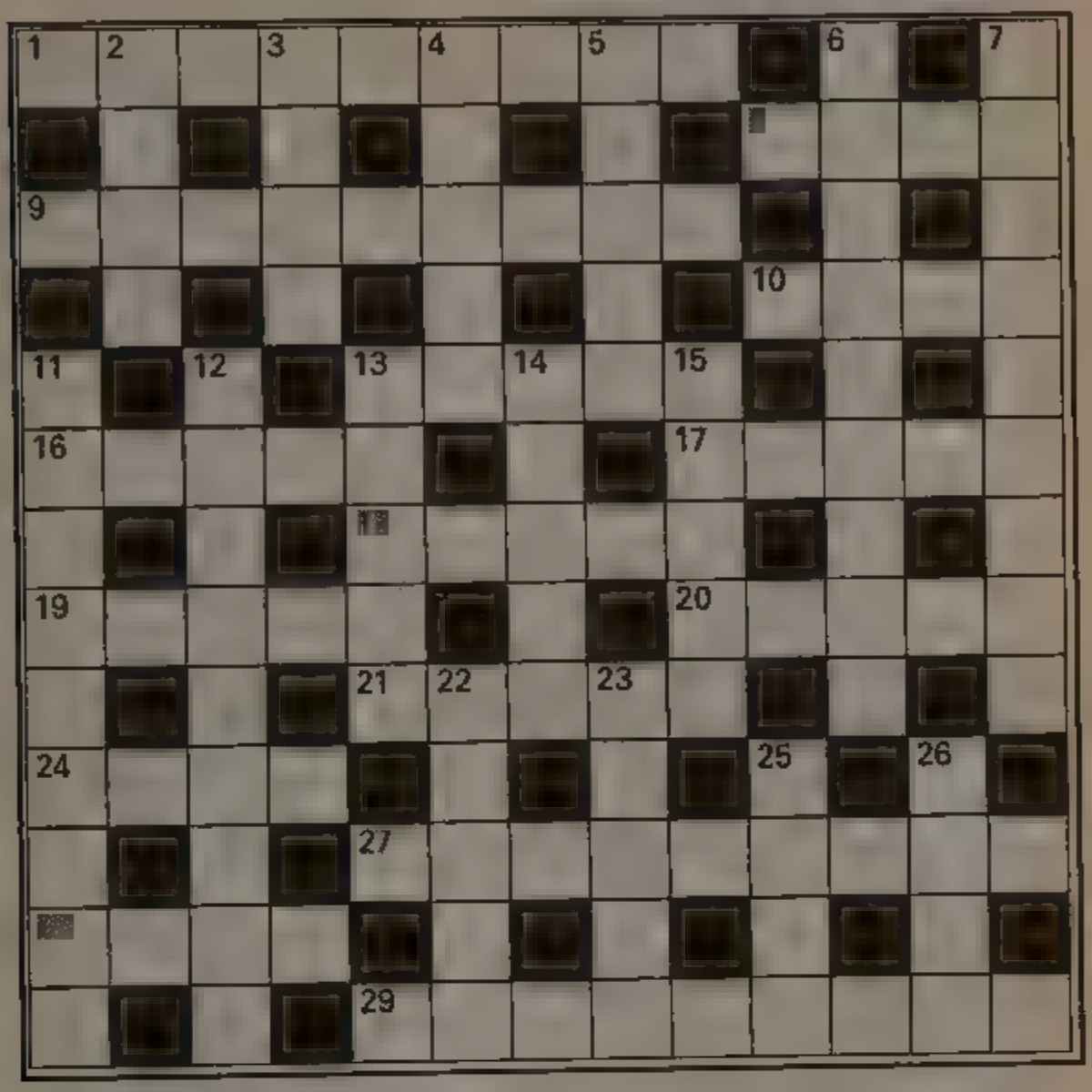

ACROSS

1 Mystery novel (9)
8 Concludes (4)
9 Cinema worker (9)
10 Area of a church (4)
13 Wrest power from (5)
16 Fruit or seed of a cereal (5)
17 Open a bottle (5)
18 Become liable to (5)
19 ___ *Gaga*, Queen hit single (5)
20 Root or grub about (5)
21 Hospital sister (5)
24 Flair (4)
27 Honeysuckle, according to Milton (9)
28 Large jug for water (4)
29 Escapade (9)

DOWN

2 Silence, quiet (4)
3 Exploit (4)
4 Requirements (5)
5 Bury (5)
6 Police rank below Superintendent (9)
7 Healer by massage and manipulation (9)
11 Saddened (9)
12 Abrasive sheet used for smoothing or polishing (9)
13 Workers' association (5)
14 Slow-healing open sore (5)
15 Make physically or spiritually clean (5)
22 Compelled (5)
23 Fashion, form (5)
25 Editor's instruction (4)
26 Pound note (coll) (4)

SOLUTIONS

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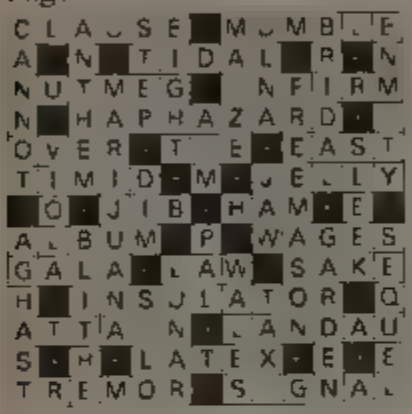

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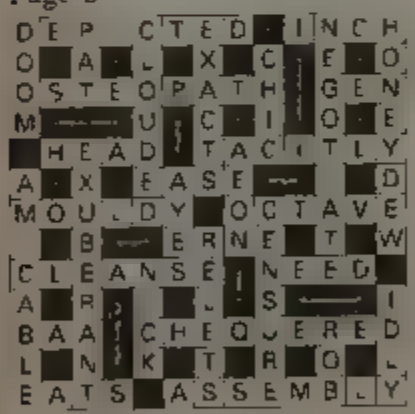

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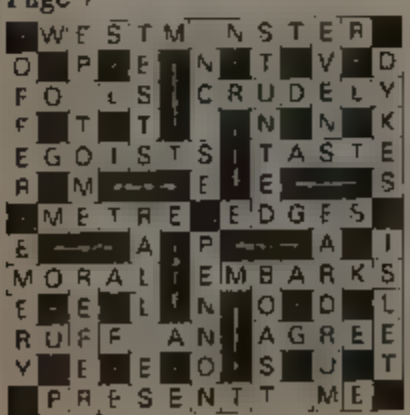

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CURTAIN UP

ACROSS: 8 Cast 9 Actor 10 Foyer 12 Prop 13 Acts 14 Tragedy 16 Chorus 18 Text 19 Dais 21 Spot 23 Scene 24 Number 25 Studio 27 Aside 28 Star 30 Hall 31 Plot 32 Comedy 35 Players 37 Hero 38 Mime 41 Drama 42 Wings 43 Role.

DOWN: 1 Fair 2 Stupor 3 Harass 4 State 5 Fry 6 Long 7 Headline 11 Pretence 15 Benefit 17 Hop 19 Dames 20 Hexagon 22 Tidal 23 Shoppers 26 Trailers 29 Add 32 Choose 33 Memory 34 Penny 36 Yams 39 Melt 40 Owl

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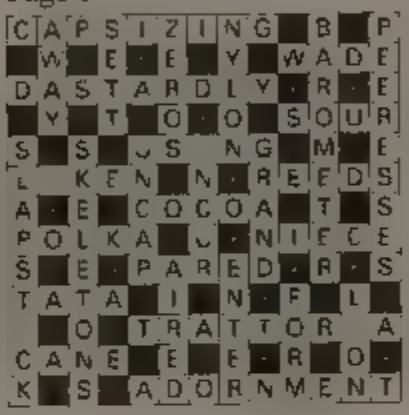

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TWO-TIMER

ACROSS: 1 Forest 7 Ruinous 8 Mackerel 9 Spheric 10 Loiterer 11 Timidly 14 Below 17 Today 18 Baronet 21 Errantry 22 Brigade 23 Incisors 24 Reagent 25 Marram.

DOWN: 1 Family 2 Receiver 3 Skeleton 4 Culprit 5 Annelid 6 Audibly 7 Reset 12 Mona Lisa 13 Dartmoor 14 Barrier 15 Long ago 16 Weeding 19 Trent 20 Gypsum.

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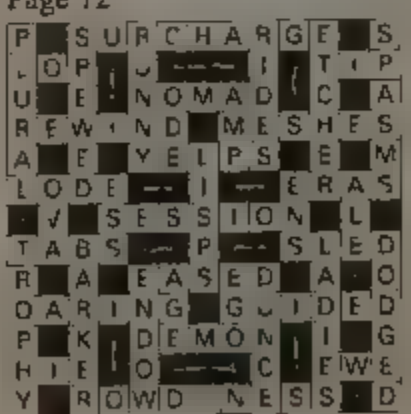

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SKELETON

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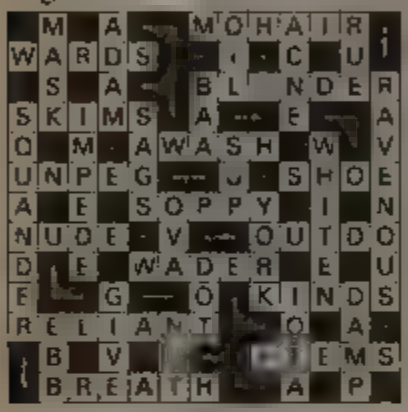

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1 Eaglet 2 Street 3 Prince 4 Glance 5 Revive 6 Octave 7 Ascend 8 Intend 9 Anchor 10 Victor 11 Tangle 12 Hassle 13 Coerce 14 Troupe 15 Crouch 16 Cutest 17 Nutmeg 18 Splits 19 Critic 20 Public 21 Custom 22 Seldom 23 Embers 24 Tigers 25 Impart 26 Burial 27 Surest 28 Legend 29 Begone 30 Greece 31 Rabies 32 Aisles 33 Settle 34 Needle 35 Notary 36 Celery 37 Bikini 38 Shrill 39 Thrift 40 Erased 41 Trauma 42 Liaise 43 Nibble 44 Liable 45 Fisher 46 Esther 47 Muscle 48 Simple 49 Abated 50 Shaded 51 Thence 52 Scarce 53 Admire 54 Endure.

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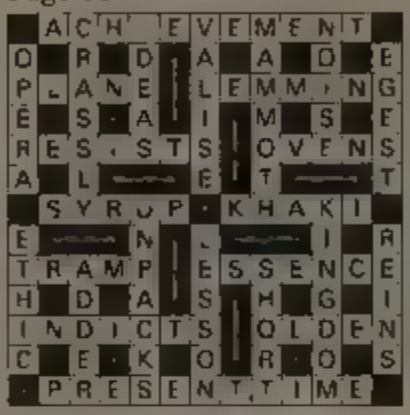

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STORY CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 4 Ten 7 America 8 Granz 9 Basie 10 Hall 12 Nor 14 World 16 Some 18 Life 21 Sense 22 *Let* 24 Avid 25 Raise 27 Doted 29 Emerged 30 Did.
DOWN. 1 Big 2 Jazz 3 Missed 4 Taken 5 Never 6 Harlem 10 His 11 Cole 13 Off 15 List 17 One 19 Invite 20 End 21 Seized 22 Loved 23 Tried 26 Odds 28 Day
The character described is: ELLA FITZGERALD.

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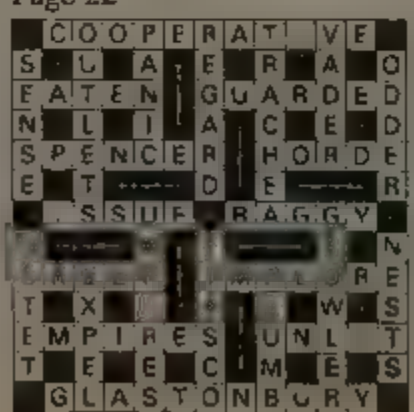

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SPIRAL

Guillemot, transform, Magna Carta, accustomed, dressing, group, pond, darts, shampoo, operetta, algebra, album, muesli, inertia, Arc, cobra, ads, soya, ash.

The two American battles are GETTYSBURG and COLDHARBOR

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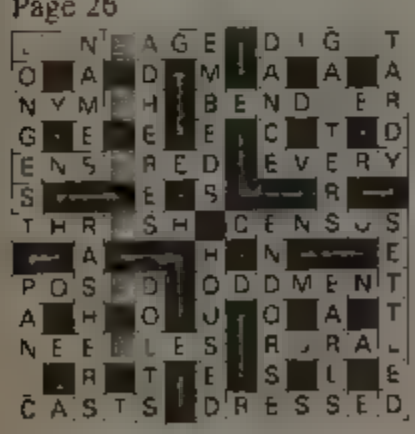

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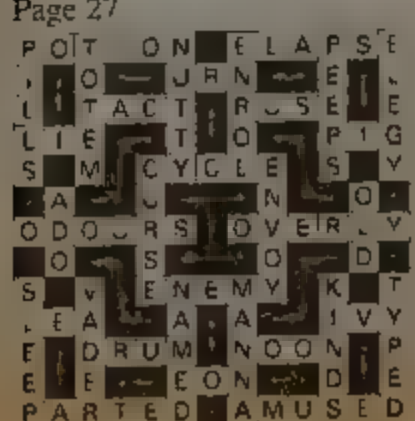

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CRISS CROSS

TO THE LEFT: 2 Pep 3 Pugm 4 Reputed 5 Paralysis 6 Can 7 Pry 8 Pools 10 Two 12 Hurts 13 Dare 15 Vault 17 Digitalis 18 Team 20 Baronet 23 Net 24 Serum 26 Nimes 27 Abut 30 Tin 32 Sew.

TO THE RIGHT: 1 Regular customer 2 Pupa 3 Perth 4 Ran 5 Pay-load 6 Crowd 7 Pot 9 Pity 11 Nests 14 Die 15 Vegan 16 Rib 19 Sanctus 21 Iris 22 Merit 25 Tales 28 Anew 29 Tun 31 Bit.

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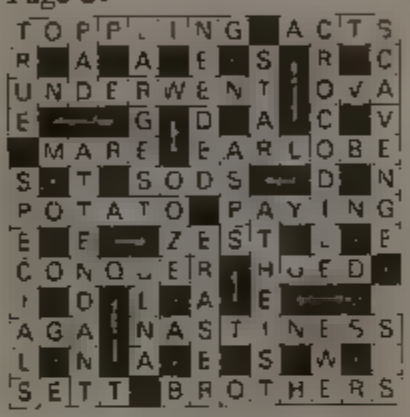

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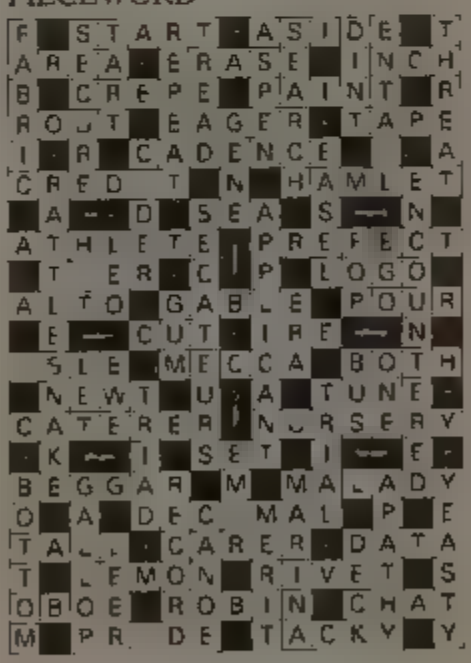

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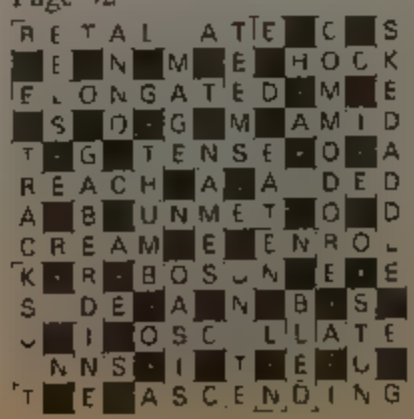

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ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW
ACROSS: 8 Jump ship 9 Rueful 10 Indian rope trick 11 Zoological 13 Oven 14 Knitted 16 Cockade 19 Xmas 21 House calls 23 None but the brave 25 Liquid 26 Visitors.
DOWN. 1 Burn down 2 Uphill 3 Whin 4 Splotch 5 Pried loose 6 Yearbook 7 Quiche 12 Greyhounds 15 Tasteful 17 Delivery 18 Furtive 20 Maoris 22 Aerate 24 Easy

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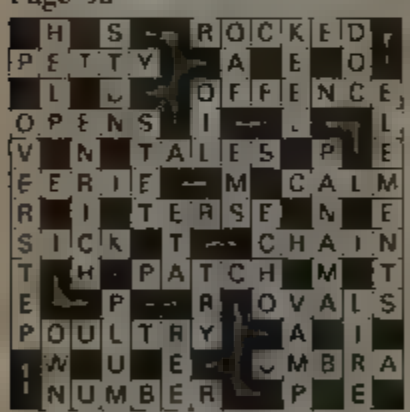

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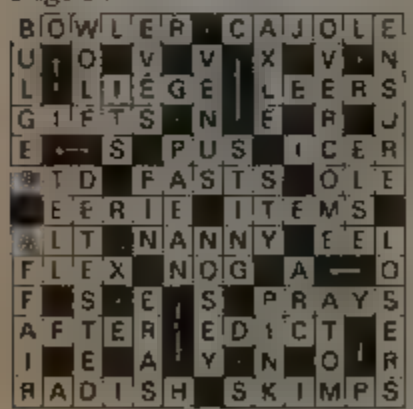

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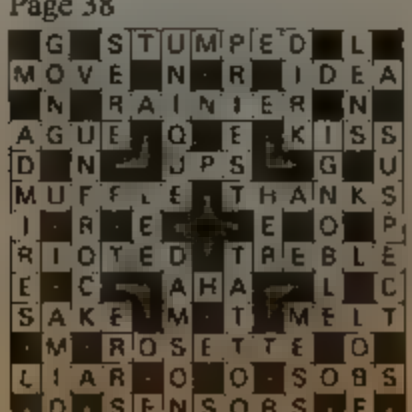

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JUMBO KEYWORD

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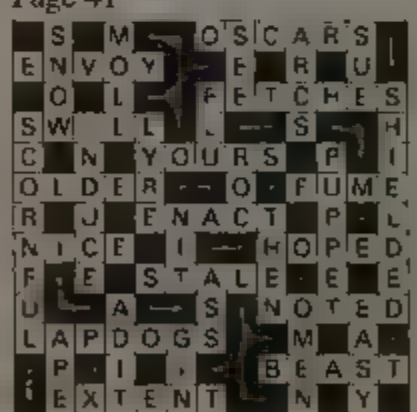

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DATELINE
ACROSS. 2 - 25344, 6 – 1119; 7 – 9111; 9 – 88, 9 – 68, 10 – 281; 13 – 222; 15 - 1411344; 21 – 4460544; 23 – 280; 25 – 836, 27 – 44; 28 - 25; 30 - 1584; 32 – 2116; 33 – 45344.
DOWN: 1 – 1188, 2 – 298; 3 – 36; 4 – 498, 5 – 2112; 10 - 28; 11 - 11240; 12 – 11100, 13 - 24048; 14 - 24, 16 - 424; 17 - 126, 18 – 385, 19 - 414, 20 – 12; 22 - 86, 24 8658, 26 - 3112, 27 – 444, 29 – 524, 31 - 13
The date in the shaded line is 22 2 1810 – the birthdate of Chopin.

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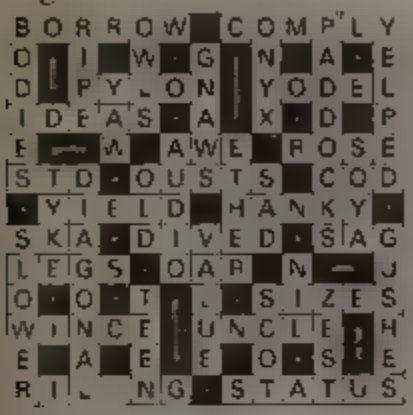

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MISSING LINKS
ACROSS: 1 Shadow 5 Mental 10 Early 11 Sin 12 Maple 13 Oven 14 Hinge 15 West 18 Driving 20 Routine 22 Special 24 Cracker 26 Nest 28 Happy 29 Moss 33 Leave 34 Hot 35 Union 36 Keeper 37 Letter
DOWN: 2 Horse 3 Days 4 Washing 5 Manager 6 Name 7 Apple 8 Second 9 Gentle 16 Limit 17 Human 19 Ice 21 Ink 22 Single 23 Leather 24 Capital 25 Rising 27 Snake 30 Olive 31 Deep 32 Suit.

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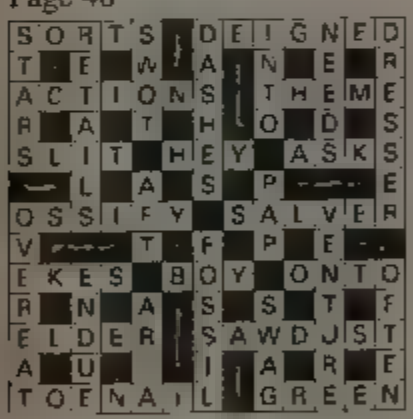

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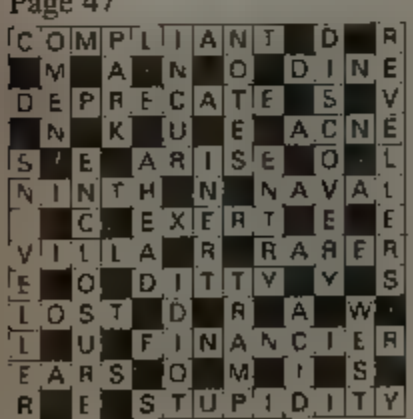

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BRACER
1 Person, Peron, Reno 2 Patina, paint, pant 3 Taxing, giant, ting 4 Opener, preen, peer 5 Poster, store, rest 6 Phrase, spare, sear 7 Parole, pearl, pear 8 Angina, again, gain 9 Panty, party, trap 10 Caress, scare, scar 11 Tatter, treat, Tate.
The two musicians are A SAXOPHONIST and B PIANO PLAYER.

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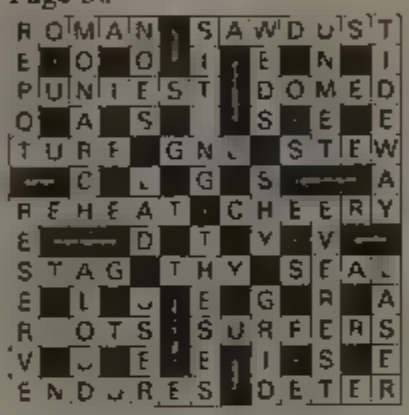

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DILEMMA – 'CORE'
ACROSS: 1 Figaro 5 Spices 9 Igloo 10 Stable 12 Decade 14 Telepathy 16 Amid 18 Road 20 Lasso 22 Bonny 23 Platoon 24 There 26 Bidet 29 Rote 30 Core 31 Handrails 36 Vendor 37 Pleads 38 Tease 39 Lackey 40 Expert.
DOWN: 1 Fiscal 3 Gratis 3 Rill 4 Ogee 5 Soda 6 Poet 7 Crayon 8 Speedy 11 Bedspread 13 Chronicle 15 Panther 17 Macho 19 Anger 21 Ole 22 Bob 24 Travel 25 Ethnic 27 Dosage 28 Tea-set 32 Note 33 Drey 34 Apse 35 Ilex

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DILEMMA – 'GALE'
ACROSS: 1 Depict 5 Vandal 9 Oaten 10 Reebok 12 Stocks 14 Palestine 16 Abel 18 Site 20 Midas 22 Elton 21 Chelsea 24 Agile 26 Lunar 29 Vera 30 Gale 31 Overnight 36 Rename 37 Tattle 38 Islet 39 Escort 40 Metres.
DOWN. 1 Durham 2 Peeped 3 Cool 4 Take 5 Vest 6 Anti 7 Decent 8 Lessen 11 Balaclava 13 Onslaught 15 Sea-lion 17 Binge 19 Total 21 She 22 Eel 24 Averse 25 Ironic 27 Natter 28 Recess 32 Emir 33 Rest 34 Item 35 Gate

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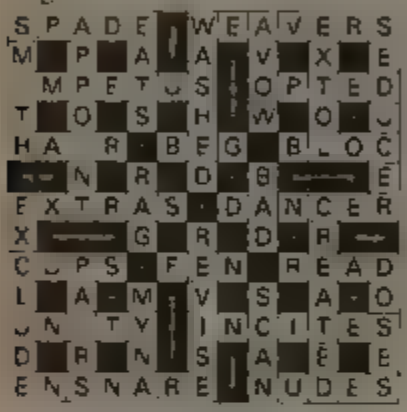

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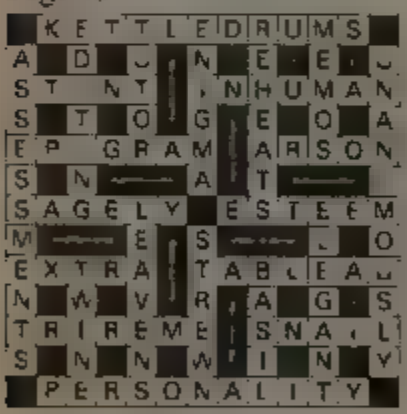

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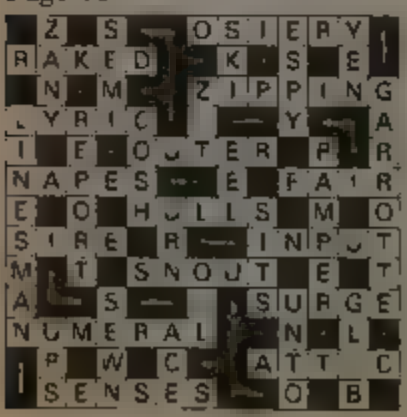

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CONTINUITY
ACROSS: 1 Strait-laced; decade 2 Proprietorial; oboe 3 Retriever; man, enrol 4 Enlist; ear; in accord 5 Adult; arsenic; trace 6 Dissolve; centre; due 7 On the left, rebutted 8 Biro; renovate; leash 9 Steward, retired; pea 10 Oiled, secede; erodes 11 Lair, interest; quest 12 Elm; South Sea Bubble 13 Stems; baulk; Britain 14 Core; intrinsic; crew 15 Edit; tort; need; koala 16 Nacre, sale; anger; log 17 Tyke; depend; tern, ewe.
DOWN: 1 Spread, obsolescent 2 Trend, initial; today 3 Rot; lustre; limerick 4 April showers; metre 5 Iris; toe; radio; sited 6 Tie; taller; snub nose 7 Lever; vendetta, trap 8 At ease, force, hurtle 9 Correct, veers, linen 10 Ermine; rat; Dee, knead 11 Die; nineties, absent 12 Dan; act; beret; bridge 13 Elect; ruler; quicker 14 Concrete, doubt; corn 15 Abroad; tap; debar; ale 16 Door; cue; sees, lie low 17 Eel, deed; hasten, wage

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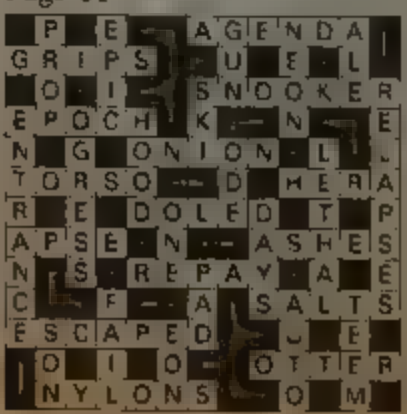

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TWO-TIMER
ACROSS: 1 Snow leopard 9 East 10 Storyteller 11 Feat 14 Myrrh 17 Hence 18 Abele 19 To let 20 Fiver 21 Exist 22 Oscar 25 Lyre 29 Adolescence 30 Sage 31 Enchantress.
DOWN: 2 Note 3 Worm 4 Entry 5 Paler 6 Reef 7 Daredevil 8 Statuette 12 Shiftless 13 On average 14 Metro 15 Relic 16 Hater 23 Sylph 24 Arson 26 Eden 27 Wear 28 Aces.

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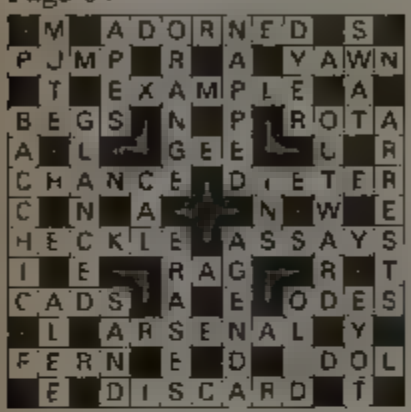

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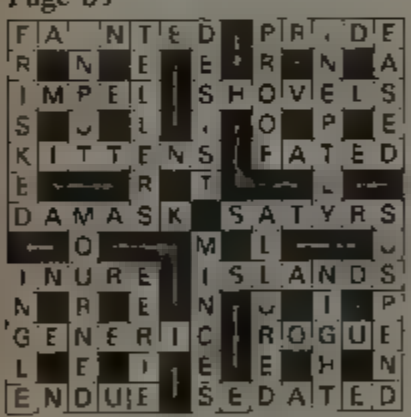

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STORY CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 5 Not 6 Devonshire 8 Were 10 Rot 11 Badly 13 Wars 14 Beheaded 15 Amounted 17 Lady 19 Wrath 20 Had 22 Odds 25 Imprisoned 26 Her.
DOWN. 1 Hero 2 Lot 3 Island 4 Killed 5 New 7 Persuaded 9 Era 10 Rebellion 12 Henry 13 Wrong 15 Abrupt 16 Obtain 18 Did 21 Aged 23 Sir 24 Son. The character described is: SIR WALTER RALEIGH

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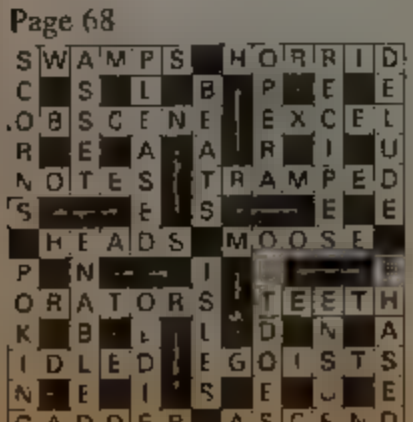

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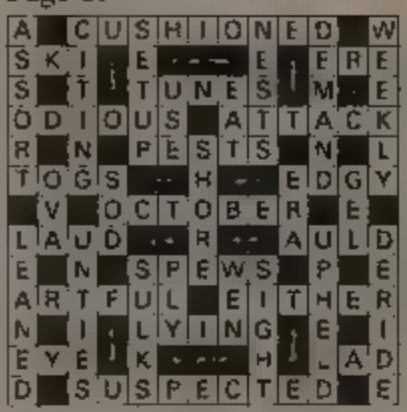

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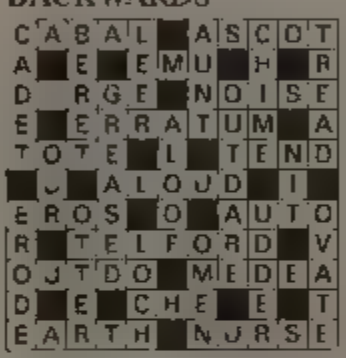

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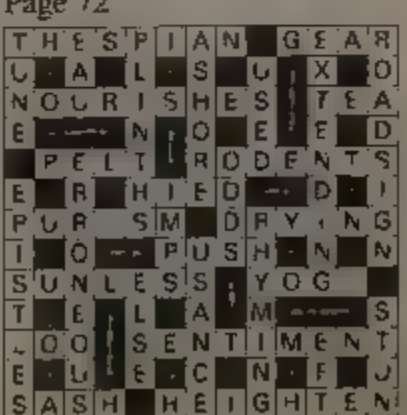

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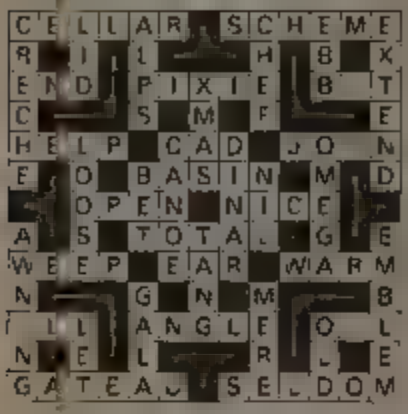

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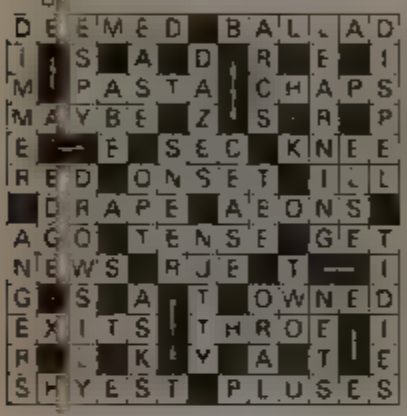

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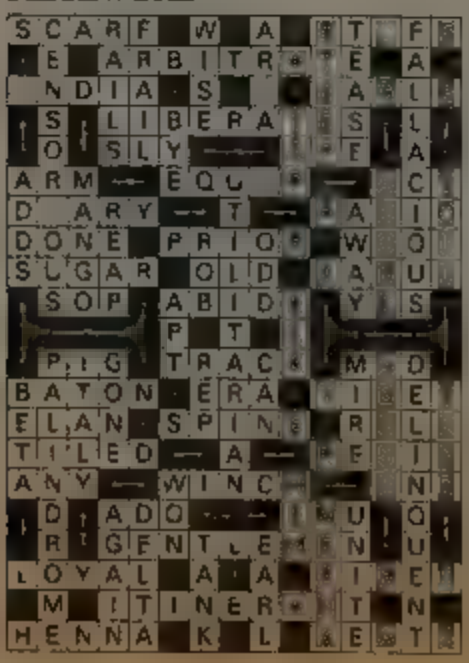

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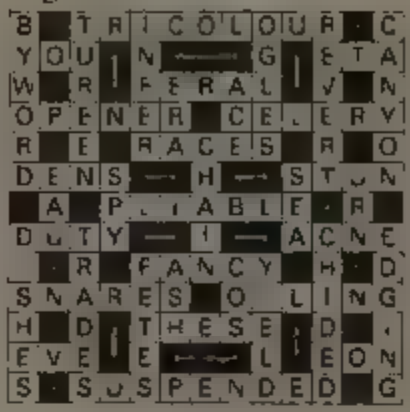

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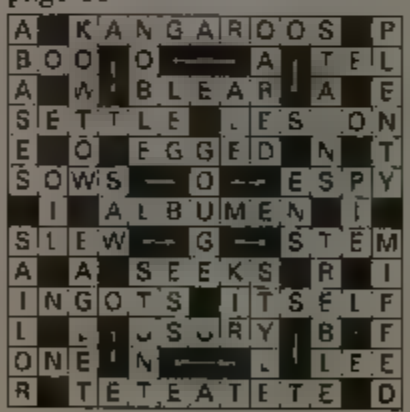

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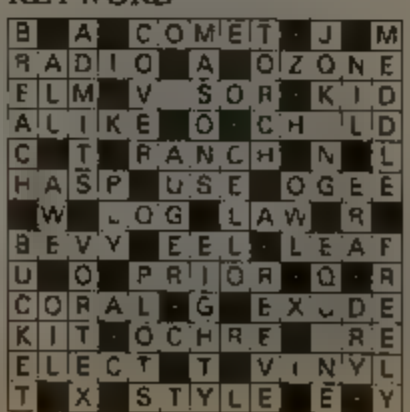

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TWO-TIMER
ACROSS: 1 Fathom 4 Pewter 7 Far-seeing 9 Flax 10 Orca 11 Julep 13 Lissom 14 Thrash 15 Athens 17 Poncho 19 Telex 20 Knot 22 Wand 23 Dinner-set 24 Tiptoe 25 Litmus.
DOWN: 1 Fitful 2 Hoax 3 Museum 4 Preset 5 Wino 6 Rehash 7 Falsehood 8 Greatcoat 11 Joint 12 Phlox 15 Anklet 16 Séance 17 Petrel 18 Oodles 21 Tilt 22 Went.

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ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW
ACROSS: 7 Moth hole 8 Record 10 Kneels 11 Day-to-day 12 Zero 13 Freebooter 15 Staffa 16 Quiche 18 Poor repute 21 Eggs 22 Vesuvius 24 Treble 25 Jewels 26 Aberrant.
DOWN: 1 Youngest 2 Wheel of fortune 3 Loss of face 4 Needle 5 X-ray 6 Grease 9 Crocodile tears 14 Bequeathed 17 Highland 19 Opener 20 Unseat 23 Inst

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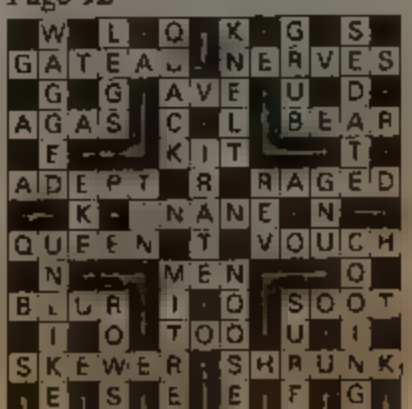

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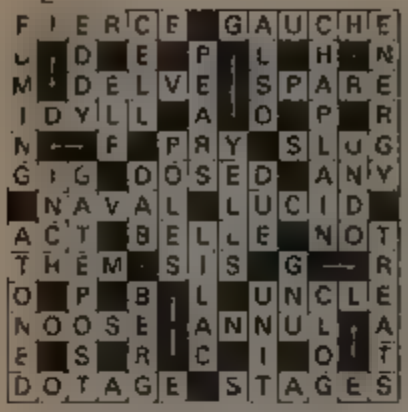

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DILEMMA – 'SHAMPOO'

ACROSS: 1 Spicy 6 Taper 9 Raucous 10 Topic 11 Thick 12 Shampoo 15 Recite 17 Arrest 20 Eros 21 Rut 23 Ease 24 Costa 25 Abet 28 See 29 Glad 31 Potato 33 Rarely 35 Balance 37 Still 38 Repel 39 Elastic 40 Jetty 41 Deity

DOWN: 2 Proper 3 Crisis 4 Yacht 5 Scam 6 Tutor 7 Ashore 8 Excess 13 Aerosol 14 Pattern 15 Recap 16 Comet 18 Eagle 19 Teddy 22 Use 26 Bottle 27 Tablet 29 Greece 30 Albert 32 Tally 34 Acrid 36 Apse.

DILEMMA – 'LEOTARD'

ACROSS: 1 Actor 6 Space 9 Musical 10 Creep 11 Beano 12 Leotard 15 Asleep 17 Beggar 20 Root 21 Era 23 Erse 24 Wrong 25 Neap 28 Add 29 Ripe 31 Artist 33 Opener 35 Eternal 37 Litre 38 Tepid 39 Certain 40 Sewer 41 Otter.

DOWN: 2 Caruso 3 Omelet 4 Rupee 5 Gift 6 Sabre 7 Pledge 8 Canvas 13 Operate 14 Abandon 15 Arena 16 Lovat 18 Grain 19 Refer 22 Rod 26 Ermine 27 Pierce 29 Relent 30 Petite 32 Steer 34 Patio 36 Rate.

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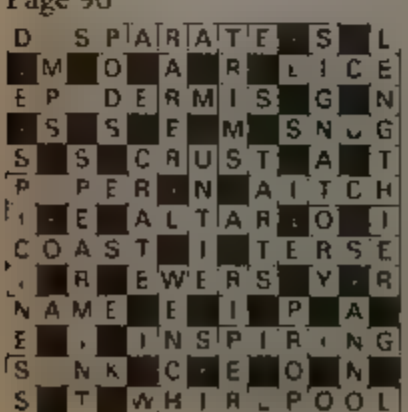

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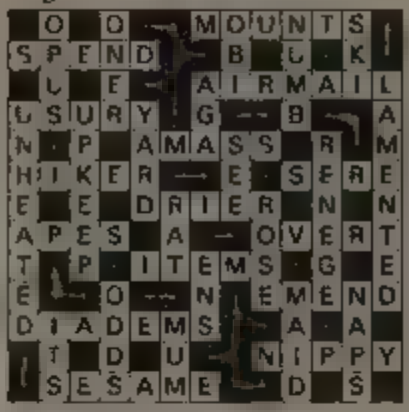

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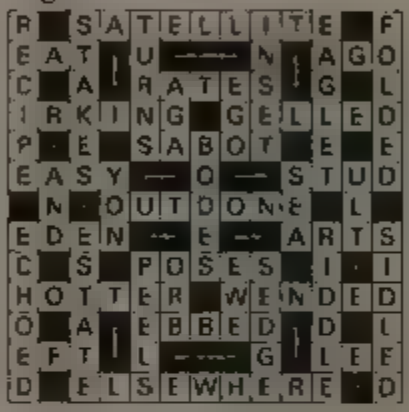

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SPIRAL

Parmesan – Northumberland – Diploma – Afternoon – Nervous _ Stretcher – Ronald Drum – Modem – Mantilla – Argentina – Arable – Enigma – Annoy – Yorcks – Spa –Aids. The two vocalists are PRIMA DONNA and FOLKSINGER.

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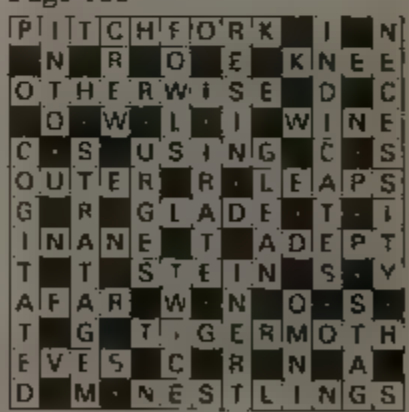

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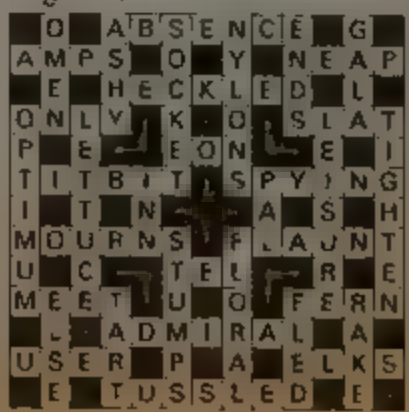

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CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 2 Lapsed 4 Disclaim 10 North 11 Hit-or-miss 12 Lucille 13 Ravenna 14 Racing calendar 17 Declining years 21 Pull-out 23 Terrace 24 Non-member 25 Ascot 26 Teamster 27 Amiens

DOWN: 1 Landlord 2 Pericycle 3 Echelon 5 Interplanetary 6 Caravan 7 Align 8 Mislay 9 Chief constable 15 Avalanche 16 Asbestos 18 Lioness 19 Yard-arm 20 Spinet 22 Linda.

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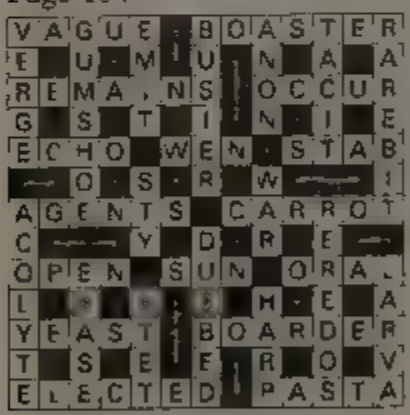

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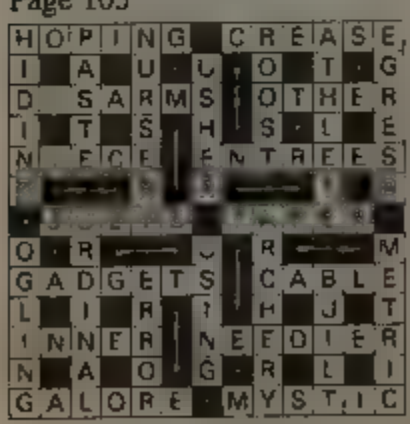

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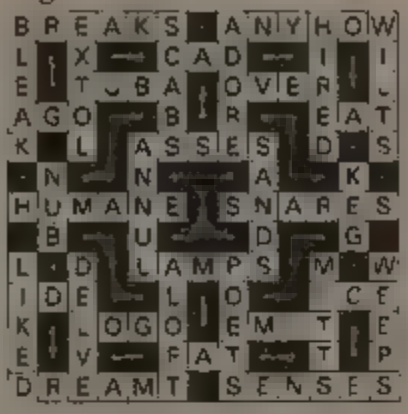

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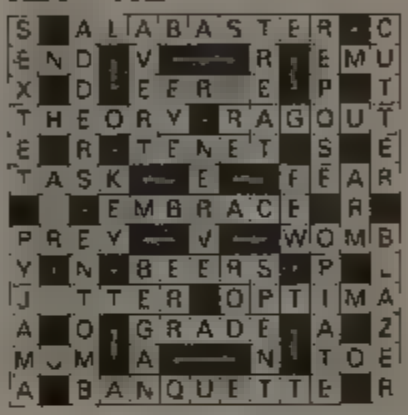

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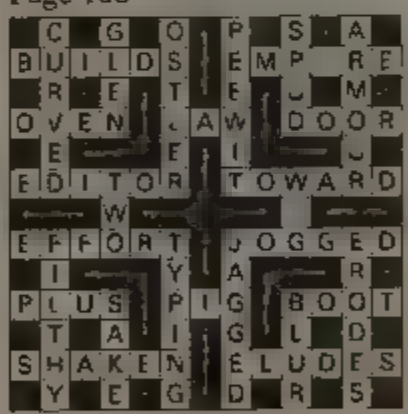

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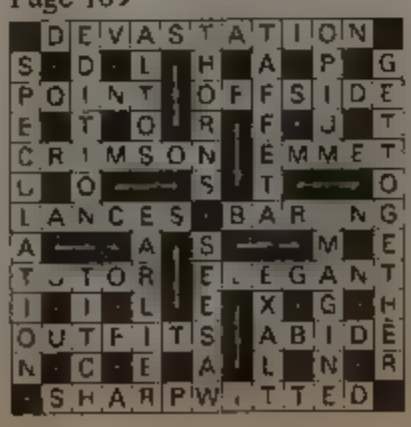

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SPIRAL
Spiteful; lumberjack; kayak; knuckle; eclair; relic; chambermaid; dangerous; satchel; lantern, nought; tissue; Everest, tolerant, Toby; yellow; west.
The two schools are SHREWSBURY and CHELTENHAM.

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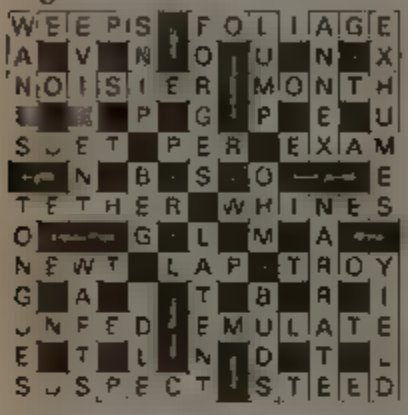

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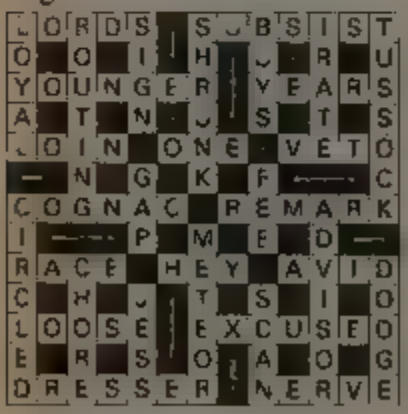

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MISSING LINKS
ACROSS: 1 Slopes 4 Boarding 8 Car 9 Banana 11 Ginger 12 Serial 13 Trade 14 Brain 16 Lighter 19 Rice 20 Army 21 Captain 24 Sweet 26 Drums 27 Guilty 29 Office 30 Wooden 32 Eye 33 Director 34 Lilies.
DOWN: 1 Sabbath 2 Pea 3 Scale 4 British 5 Angel 6 Danger 7 Garden 10 Negative 12 Select 14 Brandy 15 Armoured 17 Gap 18 Tea 22 Trigger 23 Islands 24 Second 25 Engine 27 Great 28 Towel 31 Oil.

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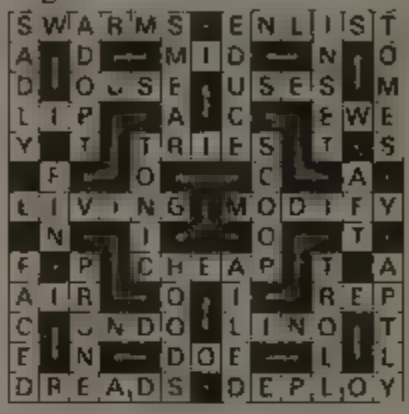

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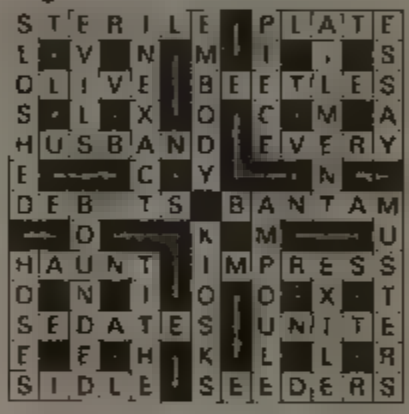

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HONEYCOMB
1 Pirate 2 Rebate 3 Modify 4 Ramify 5 Basalt 6 Result 7 Bisect 8 Direct 9 Mirage 10 Savage 11 Subdue 12 Accrue 13 Square 14 Reside 15 Reseda 16 Valuta 17 Ballad 18 Corner 19 Random 20 Diatom 21 Deaden 22 Tureen 23 Allege 24 Engage 25 Nimrod 26 Attest 27 Attend 28 Reggae 29 Legate 30 Genera 31 Orange 32 Sewage 33 Negate 34 Agnate 35 Talent 36 Recent 37 Acumen 38 Walesa 39 Galena 40 Nausea 41 Laurie 42 Cheese 43 Empire 44 Severe 45 Nerine 46 Essene 47 Ironic 48 Septic 49 Verbal 50 Ritual 51 Seamer 52 Onager 53 Turret 54 Amulet.

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CONTINUITY
ACROSS: 1 Tenant; mate; dresser 2 Raider; aroma; attire 3 Actor; Edam; etch; Odin 4 Shrove; arena; eel; set 5 Heed; elm; adder; reach 6 Arid, cent; avast; acre 7 Cattle; Ernest, enter 8 Use; air; eagle; endear 9 Temper; dredge; elate 10 Ermine; pert; art; amen 11 Heart; Mars; spend; bid 12 Aaron; ironic; did; ace 13 Brevet; toot; lime; red 14 Idle; wed; tweet, arrow 15 Tour; treat; helps; era 16 Add, done, lease; sonar 17 Too; one; dead; Eden, old.
DOWN: 1 Trash, acute; habitat 2 Each; eraser; ear; dodo 3 Nitre; item; mare; ludo 4 Ado; odd; tapir; overdo 5 Nerve; client; Newton 6 Tree; leer; remit; erne 7 Madam; need, part; deed 8 Ararat; rare; root; ale 9 Tome; danger; snow; tea 10 Emend; veldt; site; had 11 Data, ease; gap; Cleese 12 Racer; steer; edit; led 13 Ether; tenet; nun, apse 14 Stole; and; ladder; son 15 Sid; sac; team, bar; Reno 16 Erie; create; ice; oral 17 Rent; herr; end; Edward

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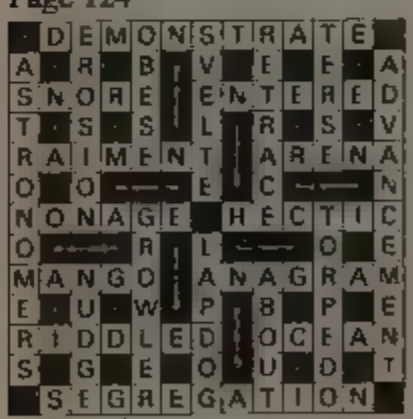

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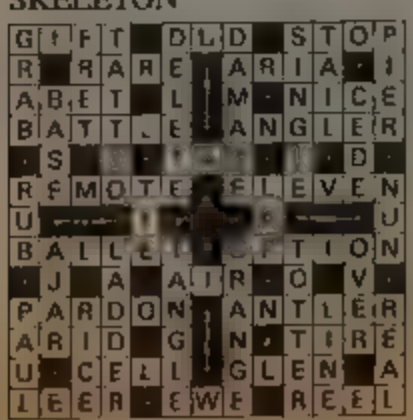

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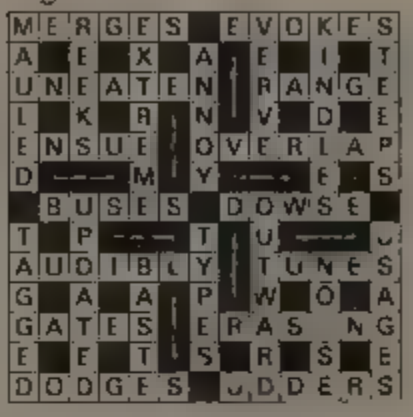

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ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW
ACROSS: 6 Venetian blinds 9 Crewed 10 Justness 11 Bouquets 13 Willow 15 Primus 17 Xyster 19 Kneels 20 Informed 22 Yashmaks 24 Ring up 26 Meteorological.
DOWN: 1 Overcompensate 2 Gnaw 3 Stodge 4 Ebbs away 5 Zion 7 Adjust 8 Discourteously 12 Quire 14 Later 16 Upstairs 18 Tinsel 21 Forage 23 Heel 25 Neck.

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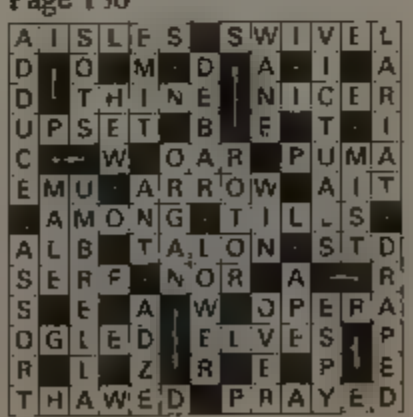

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DILEMMA – NASTY

ACROSS: 1 Direct 5 Cosset 9 Havoc 10 Notion 11 Scarab 12 Esteem 15 Sponge 17 Roe 18 Nasty 19 Gas 20 Ave 22 Major 24 Pew 26 Bellow 27 Paella 28 Captor 30 Living 31 Sores 32 Stewed 33 Thread.

DOWN: 1 Dinner 2 Rotate 3 Chosen 4 Tan 5 Cos 6 Occupy 7 Spring 8 Tables 13 Solve 14 Macaw 15 Stoop 16 Gavel 20 Abacus 21 Elapse 22 Morose 23 Radish 24 Place 25 Wagged 29 Rod 30 Let.

DILEMMA – SORRY

ACROSS: 1 Aghast 5 Museum 9 Haven 10 Dagger 11 Tribal 12 Celery 15 Blonde 17 Tie 18 Sorry 19 Get 20 Set 22 Snake 24 Pub 26 Trying 27 Expire 28 Groove 30 Ailing 31 Event 32 Dangle 33 Tender.

DOWN. 1 Abduct 2 Haggle 3 Shears 4 Tar 5 Met 6 Unruly 7 Ebbing 8 Mallet 13 Elder 14 Young 15 Brake 16 Demur 20 Staged 21 Tycoon 22 Snivel 23 Excite 24 Pitied 25 Beggar 29 Eve 30 Ant.

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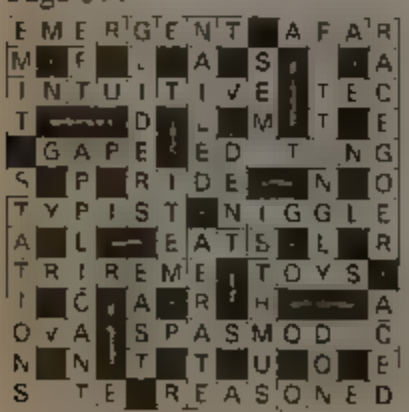

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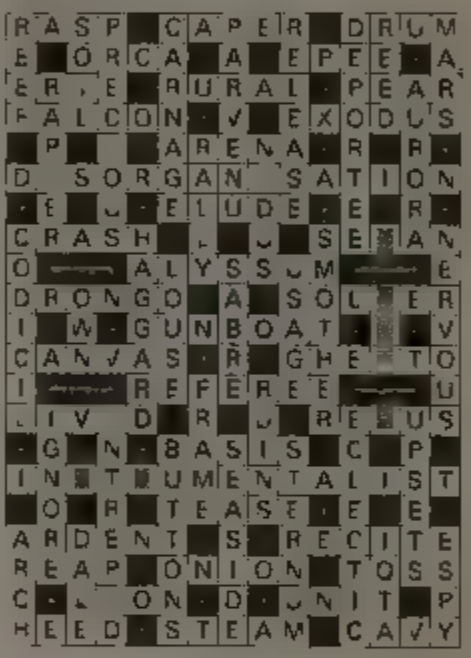

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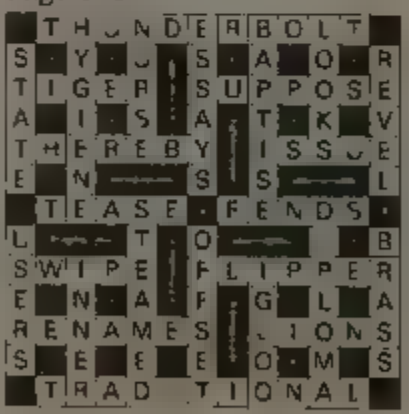

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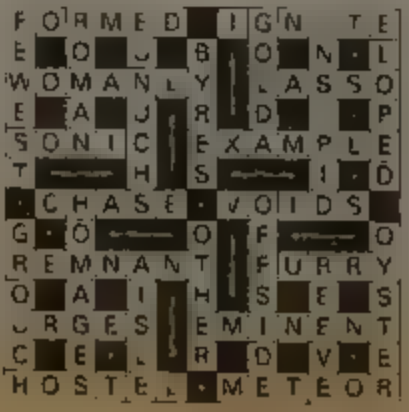

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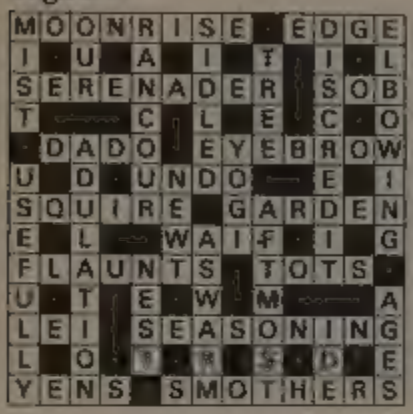

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ACROSS: 1 Depose 4 Arkansas 10 Run up 11 Eliminate 12 Set fair 13 Elastic 14 Rolling in money 17 Total abstainer 21 Approve 23 Omnibus 24 Realistic 25 Swine 26 Stanhope 27 Faggot.

DOWN: 1 Derisory 2 Punctilio 3 Soprani 5 Raise one's voice 6 Agitato 7 Slant 8 Stench 9 Retrograde step 15 Ennobling 16 Crescent 18 Abolish 19 Amnesia 20 Madras 22 Plaza.

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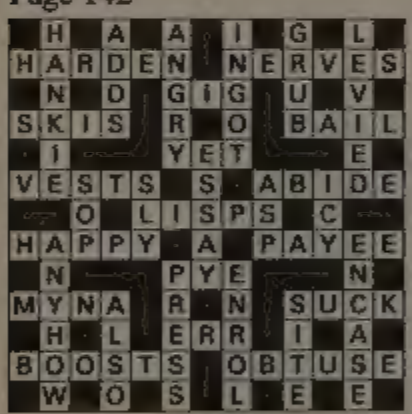

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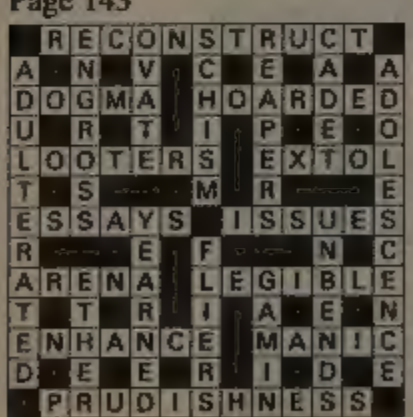

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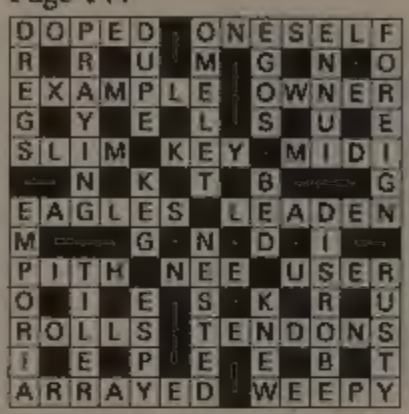

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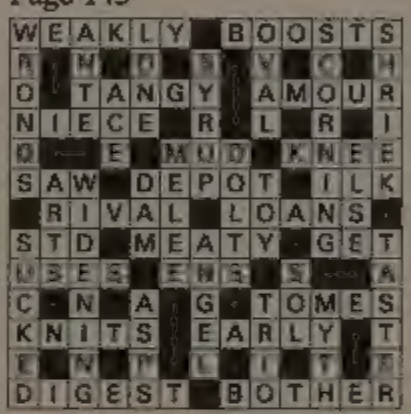

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ROUNDABOUT

RADIAL: 1 Corgi 2 Amati 3 Itchy 4 Motet 5 Tessa 6 Twain 7 Twerp 8 Atoll 9 Swill 10 Lidos 11 Avail 12 Scree 13 Pelée 14 Plane 15 Alone 16 Lycée 17 Mêlée 18 False 19 Obese 20 Risen 21 Token 22 Needs 23 Alien 24 Fungi.

CIRCULAR: 1 Cayman 7 Pass 11 Asp 14 Palm 18 For 24 Fast 25 Mould 26 Soh 27 Tri 28 Vow 29 Cell 30 Yea 31 Bio 32 Car 33 East 34 Radio 35 Coal 36 Ell 37 Skein 38 Wet 39 Neil 40 Geese 41 Tin 42 Lee.

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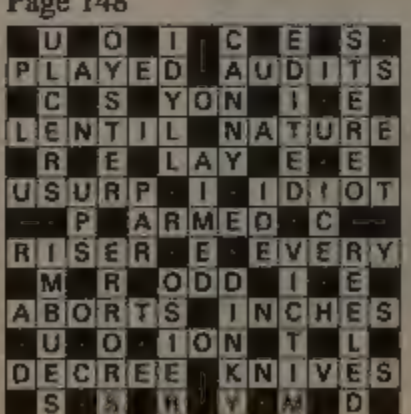

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STORY CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 3 Put 4 Case 7 Real 9 Better 10 Placing 11 Enter 13 Apartheid 18 Other 20 Started 22 Police 23 Used 24 Each 25 Cry.
DOWN: 1 Deal 2 Black 3 Pioneer 5 Attitude 6 Errors 8 Severe 10 Pay 12 Catholic 14 Africa 15 History 16 Topple 17 Had 19 Group 21 Even.
The character described is: STEVE BIKO.

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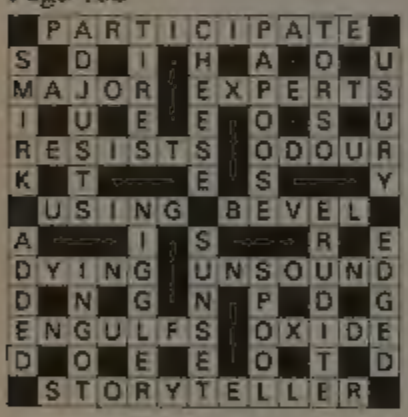

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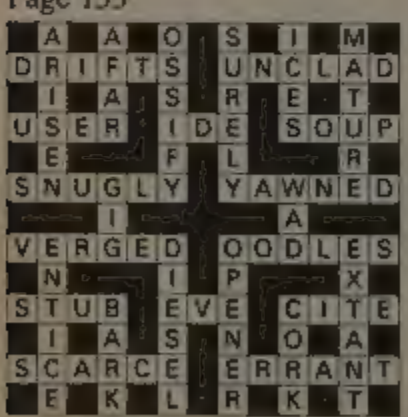

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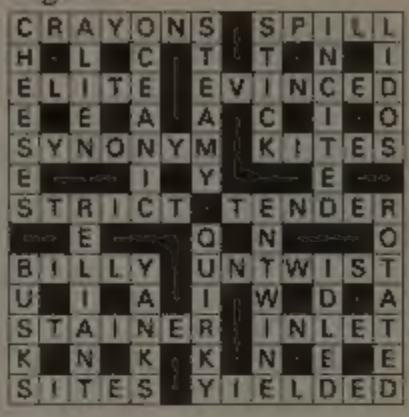

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DATELINE
ACROSS: 1 – 6111; 4 – 6001; 6 – 12222; 7 – 4995; 9 – 4211; 13 – 149377284; 17 – 177768889; 20 – 1001; 23 – 2220; 24 – 13333; 25 – 1150; 26 – 2222.
DOWN: 1 – 6240; 2 – 115; 3 – 122; 4 – 624; 5 – 1012; 8 – 9542700; 10 – 2888872; 11 – 23272; 12 – 27888; 14 – 977; 15 – 716; 16 – 248; 18 – 7111; 19 – 1022; 21 – 110; 22 – 332; 23 – 232.
The date in the shaded line is 27.2.1848 – the birthdate of Dame Ellen Terry, the British actress.

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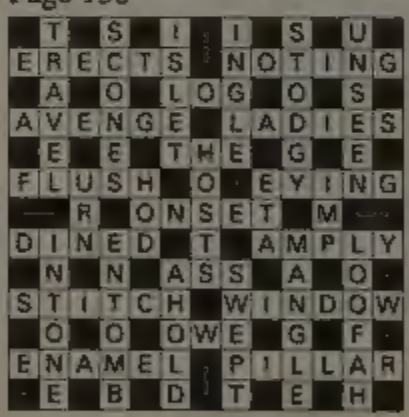

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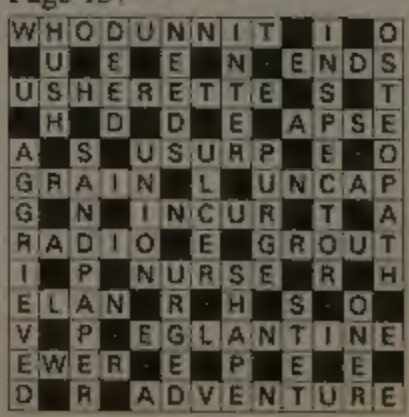

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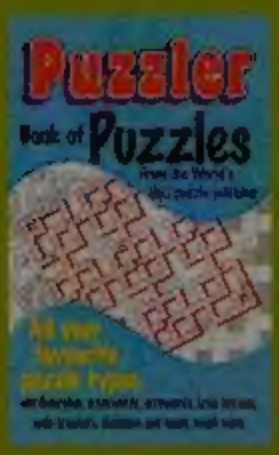

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